

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of January 11, 2011
Reorganizational Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the reorganizational meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., held in room 602 at Miami East Junior High School. The country was honored by the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call was taken with board members Kevin Accurso, Brad Burton, Gayle Carson, Mark Davis, and Rusty Miller in attendance.

Also in attendance were: Jodi Metzger, staff member; Don Nuss, staff member; Tom Cox, parent; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

RE-ORGANIZE AND ELECT OFFICERS FOR 2011:

- a) President – Rusty Miller

- b) Vice-President – Mark Davis

- c) Schedule of Regular Monthly Board Meetings:
 - Date: 3rd Monday of each month, except January (4th Tuesday)
 - Time: 7:00 P.M.
 - Place: Miami East K-8 School

- d) Committee Appointments for 2011:
 - 1) OSBA (Legislative Liaison & Student Achievement Liaison) – Kevin Accurso
 - 2) M.V.C.T.C. – Mark Davis
 - 3) Athletic Council – Rusty Miller
 - 4) Facilities – Mark Davis
 - 5) Alumni Hall of Fame – Brad Burton
 - 6) Miami East Foundation – Gayle Carson
 - 7) Audit Committee – All members of the Board of Education

PUBLIC COMMENTS:

No Public Comments were heard.

GOOD NEWS:

- Dr. Rappold updated the Board of Education on the status of the construction of the new high school. The Technology Bid packages for the new high school were also discussed. Technology bids were returned 26% under the estimated bid totals.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Review Alternative Tax Budget Document.
- B. Approval to authorize contractual payments, authorize payments of bills, borrow funds, request advance of taxes and invest funds for 2011.
- C. Approval of "A Resolution declaring that the Board Of Education of the Miami East Local School District has reviewed the documents and information prepared by the chief fiscal officer of the Miami East Local School District for submission to the Budget Commission of Miami County, Ohio, in relation to the Alternative Tax Document format filing provided under section 5705.281 of the Ohio Revised Code and authorized by said commission for the fiscal year 2012, and that said body approves the same", as prepared by legal counsel for the Miami County Budget Commission.
- D. Approval of the minutes of the special board meeting of October 25, 2010 and the regular board meetings of October 18, 2010, November 15, 2010, and December 20, 2010, as presented by the treasurer.
- E. Approval of the financial statements for December, 2010.

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT :

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of the following supplemental contracts for the 2010-2011 school year:

HIGH SCHOOL

Head Girls' Softball Coach – Brian Kadel – Step 2
Volunteer Girls' Softball Coach – Kevin Accurso
Head Girls' Track Coach – Bruce Vanover – Step 5

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Head Track Coach – Gary Church – Step 6

- 2. Approval of sub teachers who have been approved by the Miami County Educational Service Center, and on file in the central office. These are all on an as needed basis for the 2010-11 school year. The board approved rate of pay has been set at \$75.00 per day through 10th consecutive days and \$83.00 per day from 11th day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.
- 3. Approval of Heather Gilliland's request for a unpaid leave of absence for January 27, 28, and 31, 2011. (Total 3 Days)

B. E-RATE TELEPHONE SERVICE:

Approval of the selection of the following telephone service providers, following the competitive bid process as outlined by the Schools and Libraries Program of the Universal Service Fund, for the 2010-11 school year:

- Local Telephone Service - Frontier, Inc.
- Long Distance - Qwest Communications Corporation
- Internet Service - Metropolitan Dayton Education Cooperative Association (MDECA)

D. A RESOLUTION EXPRESSING AN INTENT TO AWARD THE CONSTRUCTION CONTRACT AND AUTHORIZING THE PRESIDENT AND THE TREASURER TO ENTER INTO SAID CONTRACT(S) FOR THE TECHNOLOGY PACKAGES FOR THE NEW HIGH SCHOOL.

Approval to Award Construction Contract(s) to the following bidders for technology packages for the new high school:

Network Systems Logos Communications, Inc.

Telephone Equipment Zenith Systems, Inc.

Video Distribution Chapel-Romanoff, LLC

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- District's future financial status, reductions, and cuts.

The Board continued their previous discussions from December's meeting regarding the Employee Severance Program shared with the district from the firm EPC. This firm completed a no cost analysis of the district and shared information with Board. Following a lengthy discussion regarding the severance program Board members directed Dr. Rappold to arrange a presentation from this firm to Board members.

Dr. Rappold shared that freezes have continued throughout the district in every building and every program with the goal of continuing to save as much money as possible. These freezes have included: freezing all new textbook purchases for the next 2 years, freezing all library book purchases, freezing all computer and technology purchases, freezing all new bus purchase(s), freezing all building budgets, freezing Treasurer Salary, freezing Superintendent Salary, freezing Professional Development, freezing Field Trips, and reduced all Supply Orders

Additional future reductions were also discussed including: eliminating the School Resource Officer Program, staff reductions, and implementing a transportation fee for extra-curricular activities.

With the failed levy attempt in November the district continues to face an operating deficit at the conclusion of the 2011-2012 school year. Board members discussed placing

an operating issue on an upcoming ballot. Board members agreed there was an urgent need to schedule upcoming work sessions to continue developing a plan to address the financial situation. Additionally, members of the Board expressed frustration not knowing the extent of further cuts from the state budget and its continued negative impact on local school districts.

- Miami East 7th Annual Staff Appreciation Night – Friday, January 21, 2011
- Miami East Alumni Hall of Fame Nomination Applications due by January 31, 2011
- Update of the varsity baseball/softball field project & high school construction project
- Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (EPS) Certificate of recognition.
- Presentation of certificates in recognition of “School Board Recognition Month”
Jodi Metzger, representing the MEEA, was in attendance to recognize members of the Board for School Board Recognition Month.

BOARD MEMBERS’ COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Reorganizational meeting adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

WORK SESSION BOARD MEETING

***Miami East K-8 School
January 17, 2011
7:00 P.M.***

NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING

***Miami East K-8 School
February 21, 2011
7:00 P.M.***