

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of November 15, 2010
Regular Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the regular 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: Dan Dickerson, Miami County Foundation; Tim Williams, high school principal; Jim Price, The Buehrer Group; Kim Plummer, The Quandel Group; Dennis Schumaker, The Quandel Group; Justin Koenes, The Quandel Group, and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:

- Dan Dickerson from the Miami County Foundation attended the Board meeting for a special presentation on behalf of the Miami County Foundation. This year is the Foundation's 25th anniversary. To recognize this anniversary the Foundation chose to award additional grants across the county. Mr. Dickerson presented the Board with a \$1,000 donation to be used for its electronic history program it plans on placing in the new high school. This program will include electronic photos of the history of Miami East. The Board thanked Mr. Dickerson and the Miami County Foundation for its longstanding support of the Miami East School District.

- The Buehrer Group and the Quandel Group updated the Board of Education on the status of the construction of the new high school. Jim Price presented the initial demolition/enclosure plan for the existing high school. This plan includes removing the modular classrooms, removing freshman hall, and removing senior hall. In addition, several alternates were shared including removing the music, Ag, and industrial arts classrooms. Board members will now consider the plan that was presented before the demolition/enclosure bids are advertised.

Dennis Schumaker updated the Board on the status of the construction of the new high school. As of this week the early site work is 100% complete, the geothermal system is 100% complete, and the high school construction is 38% complete. The technology and loose furnishing bids are scheduled to be bid in the next few weeks.

TREASURER’S REPORT:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the regular board meetings of August 16, 2010, as presented by the treasurer.
- B. Approval of the financial statements for October 2010.
- C. Approval of a lease agreement with Brian Francis, for the 2011 season farm land rental, for 19-20 (+/-) acres, to be farmed at \$125.00/acre.
- D. Approval of renewal of position bonds for the Superintendent and Board President, in the amount of \$ 50,000/position at a rate of \$ 2.62/\$ 1,000, through the OSBA Bond program, serviced by Hylant Administrative Services, from St. Paul/Travelers Insurance Company. Total cost for both bonds is \$ 262.00.
- E. **OTHER – INFORMATIONAL ITEMS:**
 - School Income Tax Revenues –
 - The Board agreed to hold its Records Commission Meeting Schedule on December 20, 2010 at 6:30 p.m., preceding the regular board meeting.
 - Board members tentatively set the Re-Organizational Meeting and Alternative Budget Document Review for January 11, 2011
 - Treasurer’s Evaluation Form Revisions –

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT:

7. NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

- 1. Approval of acceptance of Phyllis Wiford’s letter of resignation, for retirement purposes, effective December 31, 2010.
- 2. Approval of Meghan Arnold’s request for maternity leave to coincide with FMLA beginning January 24, 2011 through March 4, 2011.
- 3. Approval of Danielle Dillon’s request for maternity leave beginning January 3, 2011 through February 25, 2011.
- 4. Approval of the following supplemental contracts for the 2010-2011 school year, pending BCII/FBI check:

High School

Volunteer HS Girls’ Basketball Coach – Morgan Howard
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Mark Rose – Step 6
Junior Class Advisor – Beth Brown – ½ stipend

Junior High School

Head Wrestling Coach – Kevin Pyers – Step 6

Service Club Co-Advisors – Sandy Finkes & Chris Shaw – Step 0

5. 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.
6. Approval of Diane Littlejohn's request for a unpaid leave of absence for November 29 through December 3, 2010. (5 days)

B. SUPERINTENDENT'S SECRETARY JOB DESCRIPTION:

Approval of revisions and updates to the existing Superintendent's Secretary job description.

C. 2010-2011 MIAMI EAST BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS :

Approval of the Miami East Board of Education Goals, for the 2010-2011 school year.

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Dr. Rappold shared a recent congratulatory letter from Ohio University written to Mrs. McCrillis. The Department of Languages recognized that many recent graduates from Miami East High School are able to begin their collegiate academic career in advanced foreign language courses because of the strength of her course at Miami East.
- Dr. Rappold shared actions that have occurred in the district as a result of the Emergency Operating failure during the recent November election. The need to address the budget deficit only becomes more acute by not passing the emergency operating levy. The district has frozen supplies, trips, and leaves as of last week. In addition, the district will begin the process of reviewing fees, programs, and staffing to address the budget shortfall from the state. Board members discussed the advantages and disadvantages of returning the ballot with so much uncertainty about the upcoming state budget. Recent reports from the state predict public school funding could be cut between 10-20%. The Board agreed to continue gathering information and continue to discuss plans for the future.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

MIAMI EAST JR. HIGH/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

December 20, 2010

7:00 P.M.