

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD BITS**

Review of November 21, 2011  
Regular Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the regular meeting to order at 7:00 p.m., held in room 116 in the Lecture Hall at Miami East 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: Kathleen McCrillis, staff member; David Scott, staff member; Barb Minnich, staff member; Jake Pemberton, student; Zane Smith, student; Mario Roush; Alex McGillvary, student; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:**

Mrs. McCrillis and the Miami East High School Academic Team were in attendance to share their recent results in area competitions. The Miami East High School Academic Team competed at the Tippecanoe High School Academic Challenge Tournament on Saturday, November 5th. There they proceeded to win their division championship, competing on buzzers in a wide variety of subject areas against the following schools: White Cloud (Michigan), Northwestern, Benjamin Logan, Urbana, MVCTC, Tecumseh, and Kenton Ridge.

**By winning this division championship, Miami East will, for the first time, be granted a berth in the O.A.C., the Ohio Academic Competition.** This April they will compete in the O.A.C. regional tournament hosted at Tippecanoe High School. Congratulations to these members of the varsity team that competed November 5th: Jake Pemberton, Zane Smith, Alex McGillvary, Tanner Church, Kaitlyn Schellhouse, and Josh Kline.

Mrs. McCrillis shared that the Academic Team has been in existence for the past fourteen years. The students described some of the recent competitions they had been involved in this year. Mrs. McCrillis and the Academic team members shared what they liked best about competing and why they joined the Academic Team.

Dr. Rappold then asked Mr. Accurso to share his good news. Earlier in the afternoon Mr. Accurso attended the NCAA Division I Cross Country Championship Meet. Kevin's daughter, Julie, finished with a time of 20:26.3 earning her All-American honors for this year as only a sophomore.

**TREASURER'S REPORT**

- A. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Consent Agenda Items – Lisa Fahncke  
Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the following:

1. The minutes of the special board meetings of January 19, 24 and 31, 2011; special board meeting of March 7, 2011; and the regular board meetings of February 21, 2011, March 21, 2011, and October 17, 2011.

(Will recommend the following at later meetings for approval: January 17, 2011, April 11, 2011, May 31, 2011, June 13, 2011, July 11, 2011, August 01, 2011, August 08, 2011, August 10, 2011, August 22, 2011, and September 26, 2011 special meetings as well as the April 25, 2011, May 31, 2001, June 20, 2011, July 18, 2011, August 15, 2011, and September 12, 2011 regular board meetings.)

2. The financial reports for the month of October, 2011.
3. The then and now Treasurer's 412 certifications.
4. State and local grants for 2011-2012

B. Treasurer's Report to the Board/Regular Agenda Items

1. Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve a lease agreement with Brian Francis, for the 2012 season farm land rental, for 19-20 (+/-) acres, to be farmed at \$150.00/acre (highest bid).
2. Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve the renewal of position bonds for the Superintendent and Board President, in the amount of \$ 50,000 per position at a rate of \$ 2.62 per \$ 1,000 (total cost \$262). Also to approve the Treasurer's position bond in the amount of \$100,000 at a rate of \$886. These bonds are issued through St. Paul/Travelers Insurance Company serviced by Hylant Administrative Services OSBA Bond program.
3. Kevin Accurso moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve cash donations as follows:
  - \$40.00 from the junior class for the Class of 2013
  - \$200.48 from the Miami County Farm Bureau for FFA Ag day
  - \$100.00 from Beth Culbertson for the library (JH principal's fund)
4. Mark Davis moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve debt payment for bonds in the amount of \$962,954.38:

E. OTHER – INFORMATIONAL ITEM

- The Board discussed the date for the January Re-Organizational Meeting and Alternative Budget Document Review. Board members discussed possible dates of either Monday, January, 9, 2012 or Tuesday, January 10, 2012.

**SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:**

**NEW BUSINESS:**

**A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:**

1. Kevin Accurso moved and Brad Burton seconded motion to approve an unpaid leave of absence for the following employee:

Larry Taylor – October 25, 26, 27, 28, and November 11 (1/2), 2011 (4 ½ total days)

2. Gayle Carson moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the following supplemental contracts for the 2011-12 school year, pending BCII/FBI check:

High School

Volunteer HS Girls' Basketball Coach – Morgan Howard

Junior High School

Junior High Basketball Volunteer Coach – Kathy Maxson

3. Kevin Accurso moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve 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 2011-12 school year. The board approved rate of pay has been set at \$75.00 per day through 10<sup>th</sup> consecutive days and \$83.00 per day from 11<sup>th</sup> day through 60 days in the same position, then placed on beginning salary schedule.

**B. 2011-2012 MIAMI EAST BOARD OF EDUCATION GOALS:**

Brad Burton moved and Mark Davis seconded motion to approve the Miami East Board of Education Goals, for the 2011-2012 school year.

**C. BUS DISPOSAL:**

Brad Burton moved and Gayle Carson seconded motion to approve disposing of Bus #9 and selling the bus through the Public Auction web site. This bus has been used extensively in the district, but it now has over 300,000 miles on it.

**OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

- November 8<sup>th</sup> Levy Results. Dr. Rappold thanked everyone that supported the district during the November 8th election. The Miami East School District was blessed with the support of its community. The voter approval shows the level of support and confidence this community continues to display in its schools and staff.

Dr. Rappold also passed along a special thank you to the Citizens for Miami East Levy Committee, residents, parents, faculty, and the extensive list of volunteers, who hosted precinct meetings; passed out information; updated the web site and facebook page; and all the other activities that went on behind the scenes to make this successful campaign a reality.

The Board reiterated that the only reduction that will be instituted for the 2011-2012 school year will be reinstating high school bussing. Preparations for reinstating high school bussing have begun and the hope is to be able to share the new routes with parents prior to the Holiday break in December.

- Dr. Rappold also recognized and thanked the Class of 1961 and Don & Tonya Nuss for donating trees to the district. The generous donation of trees will be planted this week on campus.
- Mr. Carson shared information he had gathered from attending the recent OSBA Capital Conference with Board members. One of the items discussed was E-Calamity Days. Dr. Rappold shared that the district will explore possibly using E-Calamity Days for the 2012-2013 school year. If the district utilized the E-Calamity Days it would allow the district to have students complete online assignments if off to make-up for a calamity day.

**BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:**

- General Discussion(s)

**ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:36 p.m.**

**NEXT MEETING**

**MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL**

**December 19, 2011  
7:00 P.M.**