

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of October 17, 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: Ashley Demmitt, staff member; Wes Welbaum, elementary principal; Jim Taylor, resident; Brian Roberts, parent; Todd Jacobs, parent; Mary Jacobs, parent; Tom Cox, The Miami East Music Boosters, Jeff Smith, staff member; Omar Lozano, staff member; Jason Moore, Edison State Instructor; Theresa Kleinhans, Edison State student; Naoimi Burton, Edison State student; Tom Warne, Edison State student; Brittany Stamps, Edison State student; Sara Schiltz, Edison State student; Ashlyn Wright, Edison State student; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

There were no public comments heard.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION:

Mrs. Ashley Demmitt was in attendance to share information regarding the Miami County Park District's Nature Quest program for the 1st grade. Ashley that as a result of the generosity of the Miami County Park District every first grader has been given the opportunity to receive a free Nature Quest back pack. These back packs coincide with outdoor activities and reading opportunities. Students who complete these activities earn stickers that they can then turn in for various rewards. The program's goal is to encourage students not only to get outside, but to also read. Many of these activities encourage parent participation with their first graders. Activities are aligned with various first grade books that students check out while completing various activities.

Mr. Jeff Smith and Mr. Omar Lozano updated the Board of Education on the success of the district's music program. Mr. Smith shared with the Board that the district's instrumental program has been recognized for the following:

- The marching band competed and won the overall small bands competition in May at Cedar Point
- The marching band annually participates in the Troy Strawberry festival and Tipp Mum festival
- The marching band recently participated at Band Day at Miami University
- The concert band received a superior rating at OMEA District XI
- The concert band has had a consistent history of Excellent ratings at OMEA
- The jazz band annually performs at the senior citizens dinner

Mr. Lozano then updated the Board of Education on the success of the district's choir program. These recognitions have included:

- In 2010 the high school women's choir earned a Superior rating at OMEA
- At solo and ensemble the girls Ensemble 1 and Girls Ensemble 2 both earned Superior ratings
- The junior high honor choir consisting of 60 members earned a Superior rating in Class B
- The choir is active in the community performing at community events, athletic contests, and area nursing homes

Dr. Rappold recognized and thanked Mr. Cox and the Music Boosters for hosting a recent meeting with parents involved in the music program. This open forum discussed potential reductions in the music program if the levy is unsuccessful in November. The district would be forced to consider state minimums in electives including music. Dr. Rappold congratulated the district's music program for its success and the increase in participation in all three buildings. Dr. Rappold also shared that having spoken with districts that were forced to make the types of reductions Miami East would be forced to make it set their programs back ten years before they could re-establish the type of success Miami east has enjoyed over the past five years.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. Approval of the minutes of the special organizational, budget review, and regular board meetings of January 11, and as presented by Mike Sommer, Treasurer (Addendum #1)

(Will recommend the following at later meetings for approval: January 17, 19, 24 and 31, 2011 special board meetings, February 21, 2011, March 21, 2011, April 25, 2011, May 31, 2011, June 20, 2011, July 18, 2011, August 15, 2011, and September 12, 2011 regular board meetings. Also the March 07, 2011 special meeting, April 11, 2011 special meeting, May 31, 2011 special meeting, June 13 special meeting, July 11 special meeting, and August 01, August 08, August 10, August 22, 2011, September 26, 2011 special meetings.)

- B. Approval of the financial statements for September 2011.
- C. Review the Five Year Forecast for FY 2012-2016. Mrs. Fahncke reminded Board members that the district had recently had an independent audit completed. The state auditors concurred with the district's five-year forecast.
- D. Approval of the Five-Year Forecast for FY 2012-2016, as presented by the treasurer.
- E. Approval for the Miami County Auditor to release and pay Miami East Local School District funds to Treasurer, Lisa A. Fahncke, during the term of her employment as Treasurer.
- F. Approval of an initial advance of cash from the general fund to the High School School Musical Fund #200-9221 in the amount of \$1,073.00 for educational purpose.

OTHER:

Farm land rental for 2012 season - Advertise for bids or contract again with Mr. Francis? There are approximately 19-20 acres to be farmed, since new soccer fields were excavated. Board members agreed that the district should seek bids for the farm rental of this acreage for the 2012 season.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Approval of Wylena Hahn, as a cashier at Miami East High School, on a one-year limited contract, step 0, at the board approved rate of pay for the 2011- 2012 school year.
2. Approval of the following reading intervention tutors, who will be paid at an hourly rate using Title I grant money.
 - a) Betsy Borchers
 - b) Lauren Kiwacka
3. Approval of an additional classified sub for the 2011-12 school year, on an as needed basis, for the following classification:

Bus Driver – Pam Lang

4. Approval of the following persons for supplemental contracts, effective for the 2011-12 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay:

HIGH SCHOOL

High School Leadership Facilitator – Danielle Dillon
Pep Band Director – Brad Wick

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL

Audio Visual Director – Chris Weddle- Step 5

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 2011-12 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 all bus routes times and mileage for the 2011-2012 school year, and on file in the central office. This is information that needs submitted on the State T-1 report.

7. Approval of Amanda Riley's request for maternity leave to coincide with FMLA beginning December 5, 2011 through January 13, 2012.

B. TECHNICAL SUPERVISION SERVICE AGREEMENT W/ROB TRISEL:

Approval of the Technical Supervision Service Agreement with Rob Trisel, for the 2011-2012 testing of the water treatment system at Miami East High School and Miami East Pre-K Schools.

C. WAIVER OF REQUIREMENTS OF SECTION 3313.674 OF THE OHIO REVISED CODE:

Approval of the following resolution:

The Miami East Local School District is aware of the requirements set forth in section 3313.674(A) of the Ohio Revised Code that each student enrolled in kindergarten, third grade, fifth grade, and ninth grade be screened for body mass index and weight status category, prior to the first day of May of the school year. The Miami East Local School District is unable to comply with the requirements of section 3313.674 of the Ohio Revised Code and has resolved to seek a waiver from compliance with said requirements from the Superintendent of Public instruction for the 2011-2012 school year. Addendum #5

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEMS:

- Review for the November meeting the 2011-2012 Miami East Board of Education Goals. Board members will review and consider goals for the upcoming school year.
- ADM Count – First Full Week of October 3-7, 2011
- Dr. Rappold shared with the Board of Education the previous four community levy forums that had been hosted by a variety of groups across the district to provide information and answer questions regarding the upcoming levy. Dr. Rappold thanked these groups including the music boosters, athletic boosters, and elementary PTO & junior high PAC for hosting these informational meetings.

Dr. Rappold shared that the next informational meeting will be held on Sunday, October 23rd beginning at 6:00 p.m. in the high school gymnasium.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:14 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

**MIAMI EAST HIGH SCHOOL
Lecture Hall
November 21, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.**