

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS  
BOARD BITS**

Review of September 26, 2011  
Special Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the special 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: Lisa Fahncke, and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

**PUBLIC COMMENTS**

There were no public comments heard.

**SPECIAL MEETING:** For the consideration of the employment of the district's new treasurer.

- A. Approval of Lisa Fahncke, as the district treasurer, on a three-year limited contract, beginning during the 2011-12 school year, pending BCII and FBI background check.

Board members welcomed Mrs. Fahncke to the district. As part of a continuing cost savings effort, Mrs. Fahncke will work three days a week as the district's treasurer.

Dr. Rappold recognized the Board of Education and the Miami County Educational Service Center for its thorough applicant search. In addition, by utilizing the Miami County ESC and Tom Dunn the district was able to save thousands of dollars for an applicant search from a private company.

- B. Approval to rescinded Meghan Arnold's original supplemental contract as Junior Class Advisor and instead recommend approval for Meghan Arnold & Beth Brown to be approved as co-Junior Class Advisors effective for the 2011-12 school year, based on their years of experience, at the board approved rate of pay.

**BOARD MEMBERS COMMENTS**

Dr. Rappold shared with the Board of Education the Levy Committee's efforts to implement a new web site to answer questions for parents and residents in the community regarding the November 8<sup>th</sup> school issue. The web site is @ [www.votevikingpridenow.org](http://www.votevikingpridenow.org)

In addition, the Levy Committee completed its first mailer that will be mailed to district parents and residents.

Dr. Rappold was asked by Board members what has been some of the most common asked questions from parents and residents this fall with regard to the upcoming levy. Dr. Rappold responded that both parents and residents are concerned about the next round of reductions and its devastating effect on the

district. The district has been placed under Fiscal Caution and will need to implement over one million dollars in reductions for the upcoming school year without the successful passage of the upcoming levy. Dr. Rappold explained that with the reductions that have already been made in the district it will be very difficult to reduce another million dollars from the district. These reductions would include 10 to 15 staff members, reductions in electives including art and music, and further reductions in programs that parents have grown accustomed to utilizing. In addition to electives not being offered across the district, class sizes would also increase in size.

The Board also discussed the effect of the levy on extra-curricular activities. The Board had discussed the effect of the levy on extra-curricular activities for the past several months. Board members agreed that the only way the district could continue to offer these activities would be to implement a participation fee in addition to the current transportation fee. Mr. Carson expressed how he has seen the positive effect that extra-curricular activities have with students. Last year over 60% of our high school students participated in extra-curricular activities. Board members and the district are currently conducting a cost analysis with regard to these activities and agreed the only way extra curricular activities could be offered next year would be to implement a participation fee. This participation fee would be between \$500 to \$600 per activity for the 2011-2012 school year.

**ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 7:25 p.m.**

## **NEXT REGULAR BOARD MEETING**

*MIAMI EAST ELEMENTARY/JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL*

*October 17, 2011*

*7:00 P.M.*