

**MIAMI EAST LOCAL SCHOOLS
BOARD BITS**

Review of September 12, 2011
Regular Board Meeting

Rusty Miller, board president, called the regular meeting to order at 7:20 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: Ashley Demmitt, staff member; LaDonna Mays, staff member; Robert Brumbaugh, resident; Jim Taylor, resident; and Melanie Yingst, Troy Daily Newspaper.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Mr. Robert Brumbaugh addressed the Board regarding the upcoming November 8th levy issue. Mr. Brumbaugh expressed concerns that the Earned Income Tax would be a continuing levy and asked the Board if it would reconsider this decision if factors beyond their control improved. Mr. Miller assured the resident that if state funding improved the Board was committed to reconsider the amount being collected from the community.

GOOD NEWS RECOGNITION

Ashley Demmitt was in attendance to discuss the upcoming Girls on the Run (Grades 3-5) and Girls on Track (grades 6-8). The Fall Session began on Monday, September 12th. The After School- Program will begin at 2:45 and end at 4:15. Mrs. Demmitt explained that the goal of the Girls on the Run Program is intended as a character development activity for girls in grades 3-8. Through weekly lessons the girls involved in the program learn a variety of character building activities culminating in a 5K run by the girls and their running buddies. Mrs. Demmitt shared the success from the program last year and the participation in this year's program was so overwhelming that Miami East once again had the largest chapter in the Miami Valley. Mr. Accurso thanked Mrs. Demmitt and Mrs. Mays for their involvement and shared that he too had heard positive comments regarding the program.

Londa Schwierking from the Ohio Department of Education presented the results of its independent audit of the district's finances and five-year forecast of the district. Following a thorough inspection of the district's financial information Mrs. Schwierking agreed that the district faces a deficit of nearly \$500,000 at the end of the 2011-2012 school year. Mrs. Schwierking recognized everything the district and Board of Education has done to reduce spending and address the budget challenges. She reiterated the dire importance of getting the upcoming operating levy passed in November to address the financial challenges of the district. She believes the district will be placed on the "Fiscal Caution" list by the Ohio Department of Education as a result of its financial forecast.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

- A. (Will recommend the following at later meetings for approval: January 11, 2011 special re-organizational board meeting, and the 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, and August 15, 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 special meetings.)

- B. Approval of the financial statements for August, 2011.
- C. Approval to Amend the Amended Certificate of Estimated Resources for Fiscal Year 2012 Grant allocations, as presented by the treasurer.
- D. Review for consideration the Permanent Appropriations and Spending Plan for Fiscal Year 2012 (2011-12 School Year).
- E. Approval of the following transfer of funds:

<u>From Fund</u>	<u>To Fund</u>	<u>Amount</u>
200-9311 Class of 2011 Activity Fund	001-0000 General Fund	\$ 101.76

- F. Approval to increase the Athletic Ticket Sales Change Fund by \$ 300.00, for a total of \$ 800.00.
- G. Approval of a Workers' Compensation Group Retrospective Rating Plan for 2012 through the Southwestern Ohio Educational Purchasing Cooperative, with Hunter Consulting Company.

OTHER:

Mr. Sommer thanked the Board of Education for twenty-four years of working for the district. Mr. Miller thanked Mike for a job well done and his service to the district. Mr. Davis agreed and stated the taxpayers have been in very good hands with Mike's leadership.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT:

NEW BUSINESS:

A. EMPLOYMENT ITEMS:

1. Approval of adjustments for the following certified teaching contract, after receiving original transcripts and/or verification of previous employment for the following employee, effective for the 2011-2012 school year:
 - a) Josh Roeth from Step 0 to Step 3
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 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.
3. 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

Boys Head Basketball Coach – Allen Mack – Step 6
Boys Reserve Basketball Coach – Justin Roeth – Step 6
Boys Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Todd Stucker – Step 6
Freshmen Boys Basketball Coach – Tom Meyer – Step 5
Girls Head Basketball Coach – Preston Elifritz – Step 3
Girls Reserve Basketball Coach – Kevin Gump – Step 6
Girls Varsity Assistant Basketball Coach – Kelly Cash – Step 6
Head Wrestling Coach – Jason Sroufe – Step 2
Assistant Wrestling Coach – Mark Rose – Step 6
Volunteer Swimming Coach – Carol Bollinger
Flag Corp Director – Lisa Ritchea
Freshman Class Advisor – Meghan Arnold
Sophomore Class Advisor – Meghan Arnold
Junior Class Advisor – Meghan Arnold & Beth Brown
Student Council Advisor – Nicole Lanning & Noelle Mumpower-Davis

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7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Kevin Evans – Step 6
8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach – Scott Shirk – Step 6
7th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – LaDonna Mays – Step 5
8th Grade Girls Basketball Coach – Steve Hedges – Step 6
Head Junior High Wrestling Coach – Kevin Pyers – Step 6
Assistant Cheerleading Advisor – Cathy Broughton – Step 3
National Honor Society Advisor – Janet Stevens
Service Club – Sandy Finkes & Cris Shaw

B. OUT-OF-STATE TRIP APPROVAL:

Approval of the following out-of-state field trips for the 2011-2012 school year:

- 1) National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN. – October 20, 2011
- 2) High School Boys' & Girls' Basketball Team – Indianapolis, IN. –
November 18, 2011
- 3) MEHS New York City Trip – April 11-14, 2012
- 4) Eighth Grade Smoky Mountain Trip – May 7-11, 2012
- 5) MEHS Washington D.C. Trip . – November 10-13, 2011

C. FY' 2012 PERMANENT APPROPRIATIONS:

Approval of the FY' 2012 Permanent Appropriations as presented for review by the treasurer.

D. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT W/TROY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:

Approval of the transportation agreement between Miami East Local School District and Troy Christian School for the 2011-12 school year.

E. TRANSPORTATION AGREEMENT RIVERSIDE OF MIAMI COUNTY:

Approval of the transportation agreement between Miami East Local School District and Riverside of Miami County for the 2011-2012 school year.

F. WAIVER OF REGULAR TRANSPORTATION:

Approval of the Waiver of Transportation for students whose legal residence is within the Miami East Local School District and who are attending the Piqua Catholic Schools, Sidney-Lehman High School, Miami Montessori School, St. Pat's School, and the Miami County Consortium Pre-School and Special Education units, for reimbursement to the parents for the 2011-12 school year.

G. ALL FEDERAL PROGRAMS FOR 2011-2012 SCHOOL YEAR:

Approval of Miami East Local School's participation in all Federal education programs for which we qualify.

H. SNOW REMOVAL CONTRACT FOR 2011-2012 WITH RUSH'S CONCRETE CONSTRUCTION:

Approval of Rush's Concrete Construction for snow removal, for schools in the Miami East Local School District, for the 2011-2012 school year.

OTHER INFORMATIONAL/DISCUSSION ITEM(S):

Dr. Rappold shared that as the district progresses toward the November 8th election the district is at a crossroads. Without the successful passage of the November 8th issue the district faces unprecedented reductions to programs including electives, art, music, and athletics. Dr. Rappold shared that the district has had a longstanding history of being fiscally cautious, but the financial reductions by the state has placed the district in a challenging position. In addition, Dr. Rappold reminded the Board that both certified and non-certified staff had agreed to a four-year contract that included both reductions in Health Care and zero % pay increases to assist the district with its challenges.

Board members discussed if the district was unsuccessful in November additional reductions across the district would have to occur prior to the start of the 2011-2012 school year.

Mr. Accurso and the Board discussed the possibility of reinstating high school bussing if the issue is approved in November. However, until additional revenue is collected the Board could not envision bringing additional reductions back to the district in the near future.

BOARD MEMBERS' COMMENTS:

- General Discussion(s)
- Scheduling the meetings for the months of October, November, and December, 2011. The Board agreed to meet the Third Monday of every month.

ADJOURNMENT: The Board adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m.

NEXT MEETING

***MIAMI EAST JR. HIGH/ELEMENTARY SCHOOL
October 17, 2011 - 7:00 P.M.***