Call to Order

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Roll Call

Bruce Kirkpatrick, President
David Miller, Vice President
Charlie Andrews
Rob Dawson
Mike Henry

Others Present

Dave Lewis Superintendent
Debbie Black Treasurer/CFO
Kim Pittser Assistant Superintendent
Bill Franke Business Manager
Katy Zink Technology Coordinator
Rob Enochs MTHS Principal
Jeff Conroy MTMS Principal
Julie Reisinger MTES Principal
Mike Bernard Special Education Director 6-12
Katie Abbott Curriculum Director 6-12
Jason Binegar MTMS Asst. Principal
Joni Daniels-Blouse Transportation Supervisor
Craig Williams Asst. Transportation Supervisor
Vivian Casto Asst. Route Instructor/Assistant
Crystal Wilcox Bus Driver
Dylan Page Dawn Page
Andrea Butler Halie Noel
Katina Cartee Tim Wilcox
Christina Wilcox Katelyn Guthrie
Reed Wilcox

Mission Statement of Miami Trace: The mission of the Miami Trace Local School District is to provide an effective educational program to engage every student in becoming a life-long learner and a responsible, productive citizen.
Vision Statement of Miami Trace – The Miami Trace Way: The Miami Trace community freely chooses to emphasize high standards in order to promote an environment conducive to learning, character building, and social well-being. Our methods may change in time, but The Miami Trace Way shall be a constant companion, our true measure of success. Since 1963

Public Participation: None.

Winners Circle: The board of education recognized the following:

A. Debbie Black, Treasurer/CFO, and the treasurer’s department staff for the district’s receipt of an Auditor of State Award for financial reporting
B. Halie Noel, student, and Crystal Wilcox, bus driver, for following state transportation procedures, thus avoiding a potential catastrophic accident

Adopt Agenda: The president reviewed the changes to the agenda as designated by yellow highlight and inquired if there was a motion to approve the agenda. The superintendent clarified that the start time for the youth basketball tournament on Sunday, March 8, would be changed to noon (Use of Facilities – A).

Motion 15/18: Mr. Andrews moved to approve the agenda with the changes. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Andrews, yes; Mr. Dawson, yes; Mr. Henry, yes; Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion carried.

CONSENT AGENDA

Minutes: The minutes for the January 27, 2015, regular meeting were submitted for approval.

Resignations: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the following resignations:

A. Mary Entrekin, Cook, effective June 1, 2015, for the purpose of retirement
B. Kim Mickle, Cook, effective June 1, 2015, for the purpose of retirement
C. Melissa Tate, Teacher, effective August 1, 2015

Resignation: The treasurer recommended that the board approve the resignation of Natalie Schall, Assistant Treasurer, effective March 23, 2015.

Employment: The superintendent recommended that the following individuals be employed as indicated:

A. Certificated: (2014 – 2015 School Year)
   1. Paige Eddlemon – Substitute Teacher

B. Classified: (2014 – 2015 School Year)
   1. Catherine Murphy – Assignment: 10 month Assistant Custodian, Step 0, effective February 11, 2015.

C. Athletics: (2014 – 2015 School Year)
   1. Mary Spencer (Myers) – Paid ½ contract for Head Track Coach
   2. Chip Wilt – Paid Assistant Track Coach

Employment: The treasurer recommended that the board employ the following individuals as indicated:
Classified: (2014 – 2015 School Year – FY15)
1. Lanita Fannin – Assignment: Assistant Treasurer, Step 5, effective February 11, 2015
2. Natalie Schall – Treasurer Department Personnel, effective March 23, 2015, at a rate of $25.33 per hour on an as-needed basis

Volunteers: The superintendent recommended the approval of the following volunteers for the 2014 - 2015 school year:

A. Athletics:
   1. Steve Armstrong – Volunteer Youth 7th & 8th Grade Baseball Coach
   2. Lee Layman – Volunteer High School Baseball Coach
   3. Caleb McKinney – Volunteer High School Baseball Coach
   4. Michelle Teis – Volunteer High School Track Assistant Coach
   5. Brian Yeaze – Volunteer High School Assistant Baseball Coach

B. Miami Trace Elementary School:
   1. Kelli Bartruff
   2. Ashley Napier

Contract: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the contract with the Fayette County Fair to set up a booth in the Mahan Building on July 20, 2015, to July 25, 2015, at a cost of $300.00.

Odyssey Ware Program 2015 Renewal: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the 2015 renewal of Odyssey Ware Program for the use in the Miami Trace Credit Flex program.

Equipment Fee: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the high school softball equipment fee in the amount of $43.00 for each player for the 2015 season.

Donations: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the following donations:

   A. $50.00 from Patricia Smith for the Miami Trace High School baseball fund
   B. $30.00 from Good Hope United Methodist Church for the Miami Trace High School baseball fund
   C. $25.00 from Jerry & Karen Wilson for the Miami Trace High School baseball fund
   D. $50.00 from Marilyn Mallow & Jean Peters for the Miami Trace High School baseball fund
   E. $3,000.00 from National Association of Agricultural Educators for the Miami Trace High School FFA Chapter
   F. $500.00 from Lucky You in the amount of $500.00 for the Miami Trace High School

Use of Facilities: The superintendent recommended that the board approve the following requests:

   A. Ben Ackley requested to use the gyms at the high school, middle school and elementary on March 6 - 7, 2015, from 8:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. and March 8, 2015 from 12:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. for the purpose of a youth basketball tournament, hosted by the Girls Basketball Program
   B. Steve Armstrong requested to use the middle school gym on Tuesdays and Thursdays from March 1, 2015, through March 30, 2015, from 5:30 p.m. to 6:45 p.m. for the purpose of junior high baseball conditioning
Reimbursement: The superintendent recommended that the board approve mileage reimbursement for board members who attended professional development at the Southern Ohio ESC on February 3, 2015.

Contract: The superintendent recommended that the board approve a contract for Yellowbud Productions (Rick Metzger) to DJ a dance at the Miami Trace Middle School on February 10, 2015, in the amount of $200.00.

Motion 15/19: Mr. Henry moved to approve the items included on the consent agenda. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Dawson, yes; Mr. Henry, yes; Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Andrews, yes. Motion carried.

REGULAR AGENDA

Financials: (See Exhibit A.) The treasurer recommended that the board approve the January 2015 Financial Report as presented.

The treasurer also explained to the board that with the release of Governor Kaisch’s budget proposal for FY16 and FY17, it should expect that Miami Trace will begin to see a reduction in state funding as a result of the formula changes and the phase out of guaranteed funding.

Motion 15/20: Mr. Andrews moved to approve the January financial reports. Mr. Dawson seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Henry, yes; Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Andrews, yes; Mr. Dawson, yes. Motion carried.

Revised Policy: (See Exhibit B.) The superintendent recommended that the board approve a revision to Policy 5460, Graduation Requirements, in order to provide a physical education waiver to students who participate in inter-scholastic athletics, marching band or cheerleading for at least two full seasons as defined by the Miami Trace Handbook and in accordance with Ohio Revised Code 3313.603 Letter L. The superintendent clarified that marching band included the flag corp.

Motion 15/21: Mr. Henry moved to approve the policy revision. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

Roll Call: Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes; Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Andrews, yes; Mr. Dawson, yes; Mr. Henry, yes. Motion carried.

Administrative Reports: The following administrators updated the board on the activities occurring in their respective buildings and/or departments:

A. Elementary School Report – Mrs. Julie Reisinger
B. Middle School Report – Mr. Jeff Conroy
C. High School Report – Mr. Rob Enochs
D. Technology Director Report – Mrs. Katy Zink
E. Business Manager Report – Mr. Bill Franke
F. Assistant Superintendent – Mrs. Kim Pittser
G. Superintendent Report – Mr. David Lewis
   1. 2015 – 2016 School Calendar
   2. Four County School Boards Meeting
Future Board Meeting Dates:

A. February 24, 2015  Miami Trace Board Office  6:00 P.M.
B. March 10, 2015  Miami Trace Board Office  6:00 P.M.
C. March 31, 2015  Miami Trace Board Office  6:00 P.M.
D. April 14, 2015  Miami Trace Board Office  6:00 P.M.

Board Members Reports: Review of district activities attended.

Public Participation: None.

Executive Session: The board president inquired if there was a motion to enter into executive session in accordance with the Ohio Revised Code 121.22 (1) for the appointment, employment, dismissal, discipline, promotion, demotion or compensation of public employees.

  Motion 15/22: Mr. Dawson moved to enter into execution. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

  Roll Call: Mr. Miller, yes; Mr. Andrews, yes; Mr. Dawson, yes; Mr. Henry, yes; Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes. Motion carried.

6:55 p.m.

Regular Session: 7:36 p.m.

Land Use: Discussion was held concerning the options for farming the newly, purchased land during the upcoming spring season.

High School Bond Issue: Discussion was held regarding strategies for the upcoming bond issue.

Adjournment:

  Motion 15/23: Mr. Dawson moved to adjourn the meeting. Mr. Miller seconded the motion.

  Roll Call: Mr. Andrews, yes; Mr. Dawson, yes; Mr. Henry, yes; Mr. Kirkpatrick, yes; Mr. Miller, yes. Motion carried.

9:10 p.m.

Board President

Treasurer/CFO