

Mad River Local Schools Board of Education Meeting, January 15, 2010

Organizational Meeting

- Elected Marilyn Steiner as President of the Board of Education and Connie Cole as Vice President.
- Established the second Thursday of each month at 7:00 p.m. at 801 Old Harshman Road as the time and place for board meetings.
- Appointed Marilyn Steiner to the Athletic Board; Scott Huddle to serve as the Legislative Liaison; Cristina Pickle to the Calendar Committee; and Connie Cole to serve as the Student Achievement Liaison.
- Approved a resolution authorizing the treasurer to seek advance payment on collected taxes.
- Approved a resolution appointing the superintendent as the district's authorized purchasing agent.

The Board of Education in Regular Session on January 15, 2010:

- Approved the following financial reports/requests –
 - Bill Listing
 - Monthly Reconciliation
 - SM-2 Report
 - Investment Ledger
 - Student Activity Account Donations
 - Then and Now Certificates to Vendors
 - Adjustments to Revenue, Appropriations, Transfers and Advances
- Accepted resignation from Matthew White, District Technical Coordinator; and retirement resignation from Natalie Haybron, 6th Grade Teacher, Spinning Hills Middle School.
- Employed the following personnel: Jamie Delanie, Amanda Ely, and Stephanie Thornton, Substitute Teachers; Andrea Ramey, Food Service Substitute; and Andrea Ramey, Paraprofessional Aide Substitute.

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- Approved a two-year contract for Superintendent Michael Eaglowski for 2010-2011 and 2011-2012.
- Approved the Employment Performance Contract for Matthew White for Curriculum/Technical Support.
- Approved leaves of absence for Patricia Griest, Teacher Spinning Hills Middle School; Emily Ottmar, Teacher, Brantwood Elementary School; and Janette Sandro, Media Specialist, Stebbins High School.
- Passed a motion to join OSBA and to receive legal assistance from them.
- Approved the addition to the MREA Negotiated Agreement for the Memorandum of Understanding that building walk-throughs are to share instructional strategies and are not a part of the evaluation and will not be used to assess any aspect of a teacher's performance. Any written notes taken during the walk-through are to be given to the teacher and no other copies are to be kept by the observer or administration.
- Approved the addition to the MREA Negotiated Agreement for the Memorandum of Understanding to allow the school district, in partnership with MREA, to explore the option of applying for Race to the Top federal grant dollars. The Race to the Top grant is a competitive grant administered by the U.S. Department of Education designed to help states implement educational reforms focused on standards and assessments, data systems, great teachers and leaders, and improving the lowest improving schools.
- Approved resolution to declare transportation impractical for students attending various private schools.
- Approved proposed graduation requirements and course offerings changes as follows for the 2010-2011 school year. Changes in graduation requirements are being made in conjunction with Ohio Core requirements included in SB 311. Changes in course offerings are being made upon recommendation and collaboration with high faculty facilitated by the department chairs and the administration.

Graduation Requirements:

- a. Increased requirements of a 4th math credit and included language indicating credits must include Algebra II or its equivalent for all 9th grade students beginning in 2010 – 2011. Also, included language specific to House Bill 311 (Ohio Core).
- b. Including course descriptions for math courses revised to meet Ohio Core during our research and adoption process during the 2008 – 2009 school year.

Other Course Recommendations:

- a. Increase Environmental Science course credit from $\frac{1}{2}$ credit to 1 full credit in conjunction with CORE science requirements.
 - b. Changed course name of Business Certification Course to Tech Application III in conjunction with department course sequence.
- Heard a Bullying Semi-Annual Report for 1st Semester 2009-2010 School Year from Mr. Speas.