

Miami-Yoder School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Regular Meeting  
Minutes  
Wednesday April 12, 2023  
Conference Room  
7:00 PM

**1.00** The regular meeting was called to order by Board President, Mr. Leupp at 7:05 PM. On roll call vote the following members were present: Mr. Nelson Leupp, Mr. Eric Bringhurst, Mr. Daniel Carneal, and Mr. Martin Howard, also present were: Mr. Dwight Barnes Superintendent/Principal, Mrs. Sheila Hartley Elementary Principal, James Dechant, Athletic Director and Ms. Robyn Klunder, Business Manager. Mr. Timmothy Davis was absent.

**2.00** The Pledge of Allegiance was recited

**3.00** Motion to approve additions to Agenda by, Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Bringhurst

**9.02** (2) Approve the letter of resignation from employee

**10.06** Approve FCCLA going to the National Leadership Conference in Denver July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> so that 6<sup>th</sup> graders can compete in Food Innovations Project

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

**4.00** Motion to approve the Agenda by, Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Carneal

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

**5.00** Recognition

- Projects made by the FCCLA students going to National Leadership Conference and by Tim Rogers who made a nice cabinet.

**6.00** Correspondence/Reports - none

**6.02** Student Reports - none

**6.03** Elementary Principal, Sheila Hartley

- We finished Robotics for the 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> graders. The assembly went really well. The 5<sup>th</sup> graders took their project to pre-school to show them off. We had one that throws a ball, one was a snake that moves around. The pre-school students just love it and they all had a good time.
- We had the MYCO family movie night. There were about 25 people in attendance.

- 5<sup>th</sup> grade finished their Star base field trip. I know that it was seem like it lasted for the whole school year, but snow days and weather seem to hit on the make up days that were planned. It is usually a 5 day field trip where the 5<sup>th</sup> grade go for the full day and do STEM projects.
- We had the community Easter Egg hunt here on Saturday. We had 150 to 200 people here. Big success and great weather. We had a lot of families there. It is a really good community event.
- CMAS testing started this week. I have the 3<sup>rd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade taking the ELA and Math testing Wednesday, Thursday and Friday this week. Next week the 5<sup>th</sup> grade will take the Science part of the test on Tuesday through Thursday.
- We have started doing some planning for next year. Because of the way we are growing, the RTI model we are using is not working. Our small groups have become large groups. We are transitioning to NTSS which multi-tier system has social and emotional piece. We are finding that the students who are coming into our school don't have the skills to work and play with others. Kids don't have the coping skills to handle problems when things don't go their way.
- We have a lot of field trips coming up and I want to give you guys a rundown on them.  
 April 20<sup>th</sup> the kindergarten is heading out to the Space Foundation.  
 April 26<sup>th</sup> is the Spring Concert.  
 April 27<sup>th</sup> is our Parent Night. We hope to introduce part of our new instructional piece at that time.  
 May 2-3 5<sup>th</sup> grade is going to the overnight at the Denver Museum.  
 May 5 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> grade is going to the Pueblo Zoo.  
 May 9 Pre-School is going to the Calhan Library. They will have a field trip later to the zoo.

#### **6.04 Secondary Principal, Dwight Barnes**

- Busy, FFA is going strong. The greenhouse is full, all tables are growing and we will have plants up for sale soon.
- His Judging teams are doing well. All judging teams have been invited to State except for Livestock. Livestock judging is working hard at improving.
- We are in CMAS and SAT testing also.
- We are getting into Music Season, we should have a couple of events before our next board meeting. Mrs. Taylor has 4 or 5 middle school students that have qualified for Honor Band. Mrs. Hartley, we have 3 5<sup>th</sup> graders who qualified for alternatives for Honor Band. We have never had 5<sup>th</sup> graders qualify before. Mr. Barnes, that program is getting better every year and they are growing.
- We are having a middle school dance on Friday night after school.
- We have about 25 days left of school and 27 days' worth of activity. So, we are doing great.
- Mr. Howard, did everything get straightened out about Prom at the end of the month? Mr. Barnes, the track meet was moved to Friday and now Prom is all set and ready to go. The Prom will be at the Double Tree in Colorado Springs. We have had it there for the last few years. I am not sure how much longer we will have it there. I am starting to hear from the students that they would like it here at home. There are so many

things that they can do here. MYCO would like to hold an after prom party. Basically, a lock in for the kids all night long. I tell the students, that the Junior class puts on the prom for the seniors. They need to talk to the senior class to see if they want it in town or at home.

**6.05 Athletic Director**

- We have had a lot of changes in track and baseball. It is not all our fault.
- Next years football and volleyball schedule are done. I will start working on basketball. Angie and I are going to put on a basketball skills camp here in mid-April. We have not had the interest in the last few years for a skills camp. I think we have had a pretty good response for the camps.
- Angie and I have signed up for summer camps for basketball. I am going to Byers and Angie is going to High Plains. Both the camps cost 125.00 to 150.00.
- George Keller and I have started a Pickle Ball league on Thursdays. We are charging \$10.00 for two hours to help pay for the basketball camps. Mrs. Hartley, I feel like you would have had more people if you did not have it at the same time as the MYCO meeting.
- Mr. Carneal, Rumor is that the budget for sports is pretty low. Is there any way to increase that budget so kids can have batting helmets that are not 30 years old? Our batting helmets were out dated and we had to get new ones. All the safety equipment should not be that old. I see the books where the budget for baseball is \$500.00. Mr. Barnes, We will find a way to get safety equipment. That budget is for balls and tape. Mrs. Hartley, if it is over the \$500.00 we can always find the funds in the general fund.
- We had one student qualify for the 3 point shooting. It will be at the All Star Game on April 21.

**7.00 Audience to Visitor**

none

**8.00 Board Members**

- BOCES – Mr. Bringhurst - none
- DAC – Mr. Leupp - none
- Legislative – CASB Mr. Davis - none

**8.01 Superintendent**

- Quick note on the legislator, there is talk on changing the formula for the Educational funding. We will see how that goes. I think in the end it will stay the same. UPK which is Universal Pre-School is still insane. Mrs. Hartley, They keep losing our kids when they go to match our kids. We have one parent who has entered her child 3 times now and he keeps dropping. We have Miami Yoder School and Miami Yoder District. One is for 4 year old and one is for 3 year old. UPK keeps moving them to the wrong school or they just disappear altogether.
- Mr. Barnes, Some of our long term planning. I met with LKA Architects over the Spring Break. They came out to give us some ideas on how to increase the secondary buildings, add storage to Music and increase the FCCLA classroom. They gave us some great ideas. We need to expand the cafeteria to get 200 students at a time. They are going to put together a plan.

- Our current bond will be paid off in 2026. In 2025 we would like to go to the voters and ask to keep the bond tax, no increase to help with expanding the school. We would have a sunset date of when the bond will end. Probably 20 years. Mr. Carneal, is there an interest rate on the bonds? Mr. Barnes, we will have to go out and sell more bonds. Calhan is at \$561.00 a square foot to build their building. If that is our cost, we will not be able to do everything we want to do. We will have to see what the need is verses the wants. I think we would need to do the cafeteria first.
- The BOCES project, we sign on the land April 26. The Alta survey includes water, sewer and power. We will have LKA interpret the survey for us. We have talked to Habitat for humanity to build school employee housing on that land. We need affordable housing for school employees. They are going to have their design team look into it. We can have our students work on the housing.
- Mr. Carneal, I have a question. Last month we had a fuel cost breakdown? Mr. Barnes, last month when I did the breakdown we were down \$4.00 and this month the breakdown was over \$8.00. We are running about the same. It is not a big change; our fuel price does not change as much as the local gas station. Our fuel truck comes in every Monday. Mr. Carneal, my other worry is I don't want us to run short on fuel. Mr. Barnes, we will not. They use more diesel and we use more gas. Mr. Carneal, my other concern is having the fire department come in and walk around the school so they know where everything is. Mr. Barnes, I was talking to Chief Henley. He wants to set up time to come in. That might be a summer thing or when the SRO starts he could do that for us. Mr. Carneal, we are going to have to harp on them to get this done. Mr. Barnes, Chief Henley came to me. When we get to next year, I will assign that to the SRO.

## 9.00 Consent Items

Motion to approve the Consent Items by, Mr. Carneal second by, Mr. Howard

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

## 9.01 Financial Reports

- General Fund
- Bond Fund
- Lunch Fund
- Activity Fund
- Class Fund

## 9.02 Employment

- (1) Approve the letter of resignation from employee
- (2) Approve the letter of resignation from employee

#### **9.04 Policy's**

##### **First Reading**

Repeal CFBB Principal's Salary Schedule  
GDBA Classified Salary Compensation and Personnel Topics  
GDBAB Transportation Staff Compensation and Personnel Topics  
GCBA Instructional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary Schedules  
Repeal GDBA-E Classified Salary Schedule  
Repeal GDBA-E- 3 Business Manager/Admin Asst. Salary Schedule  
GCBA-R Instructional Staff Contracts/Compensation/Salary Schedule  
Repeal GCBB-E Certificated Salary Schedule  
Repeal GDACB-R-1 Transportation Salary Schedule

##### **Second Reading**

Repeal Board Policy DKB Salary Deductions  
Repeal Board Policy DH Bonded Employees and Officers  
Repeal Board Policy DBG-E Deadlines in Budgeting Process set by Statute  
Repeal Board Policy DEB Loan Program  
Repeal Board Policy DG Banking Service and Deposit of funds

#### **10.00 Action Items**

- 10.01** Motion to approve the Minutes, March 8, 2023 Board Meeting by, Mr. Howard  
second by, Mr. Carneal

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

- 10.02** Motion to approve the Minutes, March 8, 2023 Work Session by, Mr. Carneal  
second by, Mr. Howard

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

- 10.03** Motion to approve bring back the Classified Employees back for the 2023-2024 school  
year by, Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

- 10.04** Motion to approve the new school by, Mr. Carneal second by, Mr. Howard

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

- 10.05** Motion to approve the 5<sup>th</sup> grade field trip to Denver for Night at the Museum by,  
Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

**10.06** Motion to approve FCCLA going to the National Leadership Conference in Denver July 2<sup>nd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> so that 6<sup>th</sup> graders can compete in their Food Innovations Project by,

Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

Motion to go into Executive Session at 7:55 PM by, Mr. Carneal second by,

Mr. Howard

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

**11.00** Executive Session

Executive session pursuant to CRS 24-6-402(4)(f), personnel matters to discuss superintendent's performance and contract for 2023-24 school year.

Motion to leave Executive Session at 8:30 PM by, Mr. Howard second by,

Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

**12.00** Items Introduced by Board Members - none

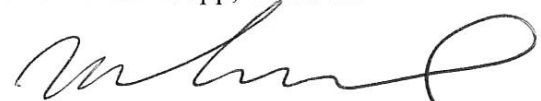
**13.00** Discussion Items - none

**14.00** Motion to adjourn at 8:31 PM by, Mr. Howard second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes: Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mr. Howard, Mr. Leupp

Respectively Submitted

  
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Mr. Nelson Leupp, President

  
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Mr. Martin Howard, Secretary /Treasurer