

Miami-Yoder School District  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
Work Session  
Minutes  
Wednesday  
May 8, 2024  
Cafeteria  
6:30 PM

1.00 Call to Order and Roll Call at 6:34 PM by, Mrs. McKnight second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mrs. Darby, Mr. Davis, Mrs. McKnight

2.00 Motion to approve the Agenda by, Mr. Bringhurst second by, Mrs. McKnight

Ayes; Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mrs. Darby, Mr. Davis, Mrs. McKnight

3.00 Work Session

3.01 2024 -2025 School Budget

- Ms. Klunder budget is on page 2. Mr. Barnes, We are going to run the budget in two different parts. The first part is the expenditures. You see this report all the time. This is really our bible of expenses. Does that make sense? These are the lines that we use. Another page in the back is the revenue page. First column shows what was budgeted this year and second column shows for 24-25. The very last line where it says reserve shows the revenue over the expenses. There are a few changes. The budget shows saving in salary's, this is due to not filling paraprofessional positions, me moving out of the principal of the secondary. My salary is now all in the admin portion of the budget. Mr. Carneal, I get where salary was split between everyone, but now middle school and high school would those principal lines be for the new principal? Mr. Barnes, yes that is how she is split up. You will also notice a new location 320, that is for the Prep Academy. I have added a stipend for the secretary and the counselor for the work that they do with that.
- We have 3 students going to BOCES east next year and this year we have 4 students. Mrs. McKnight, I have a question, on 6-8 text books went up from \$1,000 to \$10,000, are you thinking of getting books next year? Mr. Barnes, the teachers are requesting math books. Mrs. McKnight, So books are supposed to be run through DAC. So you will have to go through the process to run them through DAC before you purchase them. Mr. Barnes, I told them we will have the money there and can talk about it. I know that Social Studies wants books also.
- So you will see lines that say Rural School, that is our bonus money. It will be in our equalization next year. But I wanted to budget for that bonus. I would also like to increase the teacher base by \$1,000 from \$42,000 to \$43,000 and the hourly employees by .50 cents an hour. We have to keep up with the cost of living for the hourly employees. It will increase every January. Mrs. McKnight, So if we do the \$1,000 to the base and .50 an hour, that \$70,000 would come out of reserves? Mr. Barnes, Yes, but when we look at the revenue page, I have more put away for reserves or if we have a low October count. If our October count stays flat, we have another \$250,000 in revenue that is not in the budget for the reserves. We will put that in the budget in December.

3.02 Summer Hiring

- Ms. Klunder, summer hiring is on page 86. Mr. Barnes, We got this years ago from District 11. In the summer time we don't have the July Meeting and this gives up permission to hire and

bring the new hires to the agenda in the August meeting. Ms. Klunder, I have been advertising on Facebook, Frontline and on Miami Yoder Facebook page. I have not been using the Ranchland as I don't get response from our employment ads. Mrs. McKnight, do we have anywhere else we advertise for teachers? How do people know that Miami Yoder is looking for teachers? Mr. Barnes, We do use a national search engine for teachers. Mr. Carneal, I have a question on that. What would it cost to advertise to put in for a job posting? Mr. Davis, we just advertised for a position. Ms. Klunder, Yes, but I did not advertise in the Ranchland, I used Facebook on the Rush Community, Ellicott Shenanigans, Yoder Community and Miami Yoder page. I seem to get more interest from Facebook than I do from the Ranchland. John from the Ranchland, we are still comparable with other papers. I would use the Mile Saver as you will hit more counties and the price is the same. Mr. Carneal, you are retiring how does that work for July? Mr. Barnes, I am retiring in June and will be back in the building in July.

### 3.03 Prep Academy

- So what I am passing out right now is the latest budget on the Prep Academy, first semester numbers are good numbers. We have not seen a bill for the second semester. We had five students drop the second semester. We have the same price for on-line or in-person classes. We lost about \$512.00 per student because of the Prep Academy. Mr. Davis, Who is the principal for the Prep Academy? Mr. Barnes, Pat Bershinsky is the principal. Mrs. McKnight, what did you figure out for bonuses next year? that would come out of that \$25,000.00, correct? Mr. Barnes, it will, I gave \$4,000 to counseling and \$4,000 to secretary. Mrs. McKnight, what is the percentage for benefits on that? Mr. Barnes, about 23 percent. So put another grand on that. It would be \$10,000 that would come out of that, so it would be \$15,000.00. Mrs. McKnight, so it is \$15,000. Mr. Barnes, right now I can't tell you how many kids are coming back. I will know the rest at October count. We can decide for the 25-26 school year if we keep the academy. Mrs. McKnight, seems like a lot of work for \$15,000.00.

### 3.04 DAC

- We will start doing quarterly meetings in July and maybe multi quarterly meeting with textbook stuff. Our improvement plans are due in October. My guess DAC will active August, September and October then get back to quarterly meeting after that. Mr. Carneal, we talked a little bit last month about them helping with policy's, how would that work? Mr. Barnes, I don't know about that, I know next year I want to go through the J policies and I will work on that. I think if we want to make changes to the Val/Sal policy, we would ask the DAC to look at it and give us some ideas on what they would want. Mrs. McKnight, you charge DAC with what ever you are needing from them. DAC has the committee members who will do all the research and footwork for us.
- Mr. Barnes, We could expand the role and have the DAC work on keeping the bond money going as it is up in 2026. I would use them to elicit community support. The two elections I ran for you was voted down for term limits. Ms. Klunder, before everyone retires, we should let the community know that when Rick Walters left, the bond account was over \$700,000. Morris Ververs came in and re-issued the bond which paid the bond off early. We need to show the community that we are being good Stewards of their money. We need to continue the bond to cover expenses for failing equipment and expand the building as our population grows. Maybe have the bond sunset in 20 years? Mr. Barnes, let them know we are not raising the taxes, just continuing on with the current mill.

4.00 Motion to adjourn at 7:00 PM by, Mr. Davis second by, Mr. Bringhurst

Ayes; Mr. Bringhurst, Mr. Carneal, Mrs. Darby, Mr. Davis, Mrs. McKnight

Respectively Submitted

  
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Mr. Daniel Carneal, President

  
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Mrs. Sharron Darby, Secretary