

**ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT  
52801 ASHLEY  
NEW BALTIMORE, MI 48047**

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held  
Wednesday, October 20, 2004**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:38 p.m. on Wednesday, October 20, 2004 by President Mittelstadt.

Members present: Bade, Bemis, LaFeve, Mittelstadt, Osborne, Wallyn

Members Absent: None

Administrators Present: K. Anderson, G. Eckstein, K. Krause, P. Rogers, L. Woodside

**Follow Through**

Mr. Woodside stated there was no follow through from the previous meeting.

**Student Representative  
Oath of Office**

Stephanie Johnston, a 12<sup>th</sup> grader at Anchor Bay High School, was elected to serve as the Student Representative for the Board of Education. She is in Marching Band and Yearbook and this year is the Senior Class President. Stephanie was the Board of Education Representative during her Junior year. She has been a member of the Anchor Bay Student Council since 10<sup>th</sup> grade. She is in Chorale and Concert Band. She has been a member of SADD in her Junior and Senior Year and has been a member of various handbell choirs for the past two years.

Steve Mittelstadt, President of the Board of Education, administered the oath of office to Ms. Johnston and welcomed her back.

**2003-2004 Budget  
Presentation**

The fiscal year 2003-04 audit was presented for Board approval. The audit was reviewed by the Finance Committee, and Dionne Griffin, Senior Auditor from Yeo and Yeo, presented the results. Ms. Griffin reported Anchor Bay received an Unqualified rating which is the best opinion. A small audit was done of the bond expenditures and no problems were found.

Kyle Anderson, Director of Business Services, then reported on the end of the year final balances. Anchor Bay ended fiscal year June 30, 2003 with a fund balance of \$10,849,029. That equals two months of expenditures for the district. During fiscal year 2004 the district experienced a shortfall of \$1 million. We were able to absorb the cost from the fund equity. At present the district has a

fund equity in the amount of \$9,829,550. For three years in a row the foundation allowance for Anchor Bay Schools has stayed constant at \$6700 per pupil.

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to approve the final fiscal year 2003-2004 audit as presented.

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

Mr. Mittelstadt stated the district had a shortfall last year with the expenses of opening the new high school. The future for the schools looks bleak; a business cannot be operated when the increase in revenue does not come in. Anchor Bay has always had good fiscal policies in place, however unless the State of Michigan makes education its priority, the \$9 million will disappear in three years. Mr. Mittelstadt encourages the public to pay attention to their legislators, and to keep in mind who is a friend to education.

Mr. Mittelstadt remarked everything looks good from the Business Office, and the Board appreciates all their hard work. He commended the staff for keeping Anchor Bay “clean” with the bond.

### **Bills Payable**

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to accept the Bills Payable for July 2004 as presented.

**Second** by Mr. LaFeve.

**Roll call vote:** Yes: Bade, LaFeve, Mittelstadt, Osborne,  
Wallyn

Abstain: Bemis

**Motion** carried.

### **Field Trip Requests**

Middle Schools North and South offer a trip to Cedar Pointe every year as a reward for 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students with good behavior. This year’s trips are planned for May 2005. Fundraising covers a partial cost of the trip for the students. Middle School North Thursday, May 19, 2005, 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m., Middle School South Friday, May 20, 2005, 6:30 a.m. - 9:30 p.m.

**Motion** by Mr. Bemis to approve the field trip request to Cedar Pointe for Middle Schools North and South.

**Second** by Mr. Osborne.

**Roll call vote:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

- Executive Session**                      **Motion** by Mrs. Bade to retire to Executive Session to discuss administrative contracts. (7:58 p.m.)  
**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.  
**All** ayes recorded.  
**Motion** carried.
- Reconvene**                                      The Board reconvened at 8:25 p.m.
- Administrative Contract Approval**                      **Motion** by Mr. Osborne to approve the administrative contracts (Superintendent, Building Principals, Assistant Principals, Directors) as presented.  
**Second** by Mr. Bemis.  
**Roll** call vote:                      All ayes recorded.  
**Motion** carried.
- Student Congress Report**                      Stephanie Johnston, Student Board Representative, reported on building activities. MacDonald Elementary - on Spirit Day the classroom that shows the most school spirit is awarded the honorary Spirit Cup. Ashley Elementary - Students have been participating in Bank by the Bay. Each student has the opportunity to participate by working as a bank employee. All students are given the chance to deposit money into their accounts that are actual savings accounts for the student. Sugarbush Elementary - Students are collecting pop tabs for a Ronald McDonald House fundraiser. Middle School South - Students have been attending assemblies on bullying. Anchor Bay High School - The food drive begins November 3, 2004.
- Love and Logic Middle School North**                      Mr. Tim Brisbois, Principal of Middle School North, presented Love and Logic and how the program is being implemented in the classrooms.
- Change Authorization Request #3 - 2003 Bond**                      Andy Case, Bond Coordinator, and Steve Lorenzo, Barton Malow Project Director, reviewed Change Authorization Request #3 (2003 Bond Issue). Change Authorization Request #3 is in the amount of \$14,566.00.  
  
**Motion** by Mr. LaFevé to approve Change Authorization Request #3 in the amount of \$14,566.00 as presented.  
**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.  
**Roll** call:                                      All ayes recorded.  
**Motion** carried.
- Change Authorization Request #43 - 1999 Bond**                      Andy Case, Bond Coordinator, and Steve Lorenzo, Barton Malow Project Director, reviewed Change Authorization Request #43

(1999 Bond Issue). Change Authorization Request #43 is in the amount of \$3,033.00.

**Motion** by Mr. LaFève to approve Change Authorization Request #43 in the amount of \$3,033.00 as presented.

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Building Addition and  
Renovation Preliminary  
Plan Approval**

The Building Committee has met throughout the year to continue planning the projects for the 2003 bond issue. Recently work has centered on Middle School North additions as well as additions to Great Oaks, Ashley, Sugarbush, and Naldrett Elementary Schools. The Building Committee has been working toward completing schematic designs for each of these projects. Building Committee brought to Board tonight for discussion and review to continue moving forward into design development.

**Motion** by Mr. LaFève to approve moving forward with the 2003 bond projects.

**Second** by Mr. Osborne.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Middle School North**

With the 2003 bond project renovations will be made to Middle School North, including expanding the cafeteria and kitchen, adding an auxiliary gym, and renovating central administration offices. The Building Committee has approved the basic concept and is bringing it before the Board for approval to move forward.

**Motion** by Mr. LaFève to proceed with the plans for Middle School North as present.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to approve the Consent Agenda (Minutes Regular Meeting 9-22-04 and Financial Report) as presented.

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**All ayes recorded.**

**Motion** carried.

**Open Forum**

At this point the public is invited to comment on any issue related to the schools. Comments about specific employees should be directed to them personally and should not be included in public forum.

No one came forward to address the Board.

**Comments:**

Mr. Mittelstadt reported that Mr. Holland had resigned his seat on the Board of Education as he moved out of the district. The Board is in the process of reviewing applications of prospective candidates, and a special meeting will be held to interview. A decision will be made by November 6, 2004.

Mr. LaFevé gave his unconditional support for having a police liaison at Anchor Bay High School.

Mr. Woodside remarked the Board has always been very supportive of the liaison officers in the district. When the new high school was built an office was created for the police to use. Mr. Woodside has spoken with Sheriff Lane of the St. Clair County Sheriff's office and he is looking into a plan. Even though the district is faced with budget reductions the liaison officer is needed.

Mr. Osborne reminded everyone that this Friday is the last regular season home football game at 7:00 p.m. at Anchor Bay High School.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to adjourn the October 20, 2004 Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**All** ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wallyn  
Secretary  
Board of Education