

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

**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held  
Wednesday, December 15, 2004**

**Call to Order**

The Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, November 10, 2004 by President Mittelstadt.

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

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

**Hearing of the Public**

The hearing was held as a result of the consolidated election legislation adopted by the State of Michigan in December 2003. Anchor Bay Schools is proposing to adopt the May election date on an annual basis. Notice of the hearing was published in Voice newspaper. The meeting was opened for questions and discussion. No one from the audience came forward.

**Motion** by Mrs. Bade to accept the May regular election date in both even and odd years.

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Follow Through**

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

No one came forward to address the Board at this time.

**Bills Payable**

**Motion** by Ms. Wallyn to accept the Bills Payable for November 2004 as presented.

**Second** by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

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

Abstain: Bemis

**Motion** carried.

**2004-05 Budget  
Amendment**

Adjustments in the General Fund for 2004-05 included health care costs, enrollment projections, and continued state reductions in funding.

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to approve the recommendation for the 2004-05 General Fund Budget as presented.

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

Mr. Mittelstadt commented the budget is showing \$1.4 million over revenues. Significant cuts were made, however we had no layoffs. Anchor Bay received no increase in funding, and the State of Michigan changed the blended count, which is how the state determines funding to schools, to 75/25 as opposed to 80/20. The district is probably looking at reductions again and the Board will continue to monitor the situation. We were fortunate to be able to draw from the Fund Equity to cover the discrepancy in funding.

**Student Congress**

Stephanie Johnston, Student Board Representative, reported on the various activities taking place at the schools in Anchor Bay. The schools are collecting pop can tabs for the Ronald McDonald Fund; Student Congress donated canned goods to St. Mary's Pantry; Mrs. Pizzimenti, Food Service Supervisor, brought food samples of future menu items; and each school is holding a canned good and/or mitten and scarf drive.

**Out of State Field Trips**

***ROTC***

Captain Werder requested approval for the ROTC cadets to travel to New York for a curriculum-in-action field trip in February 2005. The Air Force provides funds to help offset transportation and lodging and other expenses are covered through fund raisers or student contributions. Forty to fifty cadets are expected to attend.

**Motion** by Mr. Bemis to approve the ROTC curriculum-in-action field trip as presented.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

***Project Close Up***

Ken Krause, Secondary Curriculum Director, is recommending the Board approve the Project Close Up field trip in March 2005 for

seven Anchor Bay High School students. The trip is organized every year by Mrs. Jens, the high school Government teacher, who will also chaperone.

**Motion** by Mr. Bemis to approve the Project Close Up field trip as presented.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Lottie M. Schmidt**  
**“Kindergarten Buddies”**

Mrs. Anne Berglund, Principal of Lottie Schmidt Elementary, gave a presentation on “Kindergarten Buddies”, a program that pairs kindergarten students with children in the upper grades. The theme of the program is proper behavior. Students get together on Monday mornings to read stories, do craft projects, etc. Mr. Tom Mittelstadt, 4<sup>th</sup> grade teacher, and Mrs. Melissa VanHulle, kindergarten teacher, were present at the meeting along with 4<sup>th</sup> graders *Shane Lohr and Alicia Marvinitz* and Kindergarten students *Andrew D’Angelo and Emily Traynor*. The students read from the book created by Mrs. Berglund and illustrated by Mrs. Kelly.

Mr. Mittelstadt said the Board enjoyed having students at the monthly meetings and sharing the good things happening in their school, as it is sometimes difficult for board members to visit the schools during the day.

Mr. Woodside thanked the students and their teachers and said they did a great job and he was very proud of them. He commented we so often hear about state benchmarks, testing, and academic success, but the social skills children learn in the schools are also very important. Mr. Woodside feels it is also our responsibility to partner with the parents to help the children socially.

Mrs. Teresa Kelly, data para, remarked that Mr. Mittelstadt’s students designed and made a Christmas scene for her as a surprise. She said that shows the children are not afraid to share their talents.

**First Hearing - Secondary**  
**Level Textbook Adoption**

Mr. Ken Krause presented the recommendations from the Curriculum Committee for the secondary level textbook adoptions for the 2005-06 school year - Grades 9 to 12 science and German,

and Grade 6 Music textbooks. A notice was placed in the Voice newspaper that the textbooks are available at Central Office for public preview.

**Change Authorization  
Request #45 - 1999  
Bond Issue**

Mr. Andy Case, Bond Coordinator, and Mr. Steve Lorenzo, Project Director from Barton Malow, reviewed Change Authorization Request #45 in the amount of \$16,087.00.

**Motion** by Mr. LaFève to approve Change Authorization Request #45 in the amount of \$16,087.00 as presented.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded

**Motion** carried.

**Change Authorization  
Request #4 2003 Bond  
Issue**

Mr. Andy Case, Bond Coordinator, and Mr. Steve Lorenzo, Project Director from Barton Malow, reviewed Change Authorization Request #4 in the amount of \$26,279.00.

**Motion** by Mr. LaFève to approve Change Authorization Request #4 in the amount of \$26,279.00 as presented.

**Second** by Mrs. Bade.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded

**Motion** carried.

**Anchor Bay High School  
Site Update**

Andy Case, Bond Coordinator, gave the community an update on the site plan for Anchor Bay High School. The athletic fields are under construction and it has been recommended that no fields be played on for a year following construction in order to let the fields mature. Therefore, the soccer fields will be ready for play by next spring; construction of the varsity softball and baseball fields will be completed in the spring 2005, with the anticipation of student use in the Spring 2006, and the remaining baseball and softball fields' construction will be completed in the summer of 2005 with an anticipated play date of fall 2006. Sidewalks are included in the site plan. At the working board meeting the Board reviewed the expansion of Middle School North and the renovations at the elementary schools.

**Consent Agenda**

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to approve additions to Consent Agenda. (Minutes of Regular Meeting of 11/10/04 and the Financial Report).

**Second** by Ms. Wallyn.

**Roll call:** All ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

**Open Forum**

At this point the public was invited to comment on any issue related to the schools. No one came forward.

**Comments:**

Mr. Mittelstadt remarked the Board appreciates the efforts of the students and staff with all the programs they participate in. He went to the Middle School North band concert and said the students showed a lot of talent. He thanked the community for their support of the bond issue, which enabled the schools to purchase additional band instruments.

Mr. Bemis also attended the concert and said the students did a fine job.

Mr. LaFevé attended the Anchor Bay High School Band Concert and remarked the students did an outstanding job.

**Adjournment**

**Motion** by Mr. Osborne to adjourn the Regular Meeting of December 15, 2004 of the Anchor Bay Board of Education.

**Second** by Mr. Bemis

**All** ayes recorded.

**Motion** carried.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Wallyn  
Secretary  
Board of Education