

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

**Minutes of the Working Meeting Held
Wednesday, February 9, 2005**

Call to Order

The Working Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:31 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2005 by President Mittelstadt.

Members present: Bade, Bemis, Bidlingmaier, Lafeve, Mittelstadt, Osborne

Members absent: Wallyn

Field Trips

ROTC - Captain Werder is asking the Board to approve a field trip to Washington D.C. for the Air Force Nationals Drill Championship. Students will leave Anchor Bay Wednesday, March 16, 2005 at 2:00 p.m. and will return Sunday, March 20, 2005 at 6:00 p.m. The trip is funded through the Air Force and Booster Club; there is no cost to the students. Transportation will be via rental vans.

Motion by Mr. LaFève to approve ROTC field trip to Washington D.C. March 16-20, 2005 for the Air Force Nationals Drill Championship.

Second by Mrs. Bade.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

M.S. North 8th Grade Science Class - Dan Pagel is requesting Board approval for a field trip to "Rock Glen" in Arkona, Canada (90 minutes from New Baltimore) on May 12, 2005. Students will study paleontological fossils and geological processes. The cost is \$20 per person, and students will leave at 7:15 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. LaFève to approve the M.S. North 8th Grade Science class field trip to Rock Glen in Arkona, Canada on May 12, 2005.

Second by Mrs. Bade.

Roll call: All ayes recorded

Motion carried.

M.S. North 6th Grade Social Studies Class - Paula VanHeusden and Terry McCain are requesting Board approval to take approximately sixty 6th graders and 10 chaperones to Amherstburg, Ontario to visit Ford Malden

and The Park House Friday, April 29, 2005. The trip corresponds with the unit on the War of 1812 in their social studies classes. The cost is \$20 per person and includes transportation and admission to Fort Malden and The Park House. They will leave the middle school at 8:00 a.m. and return at approximately 4:00 p.m.

Motion by Mr. LaFeve to approve the M.S. North 6th Grade Social Studies class field trip to Amherstburg, Ontario on April 29, 2005.

Second by Mrs. Bade

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Library Book Bid Recommendation

The Business Office has received library book bids for \$86,346.93 and is recommending Bid Package A. Kathy Vredevoogd-Donohue, with the support of administration, is recommending Follett bid package A based on the fill rate and the quality of books. The covers will be sewn, not glued.

Motion by Mr. Bemis to approve the library book recommendation as presented in the amount of \$86,346.93.

Second by Mr. Osborne.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Millage Renewal

The Board reviewed ballot language for the renewal of the operating tax levy on non-homestead property that will be on the ballot on the May 3, 2005 election. Kyle Anderson, Director of Business Services, made the Board aware that should the election not be successful, it will cost the district approximately \$4.2 million in funding. Passage of this renewal will not increase taxes on primary residential homes.

District Calendar

Tim Sizemore reviewed the recommendation for an upgrade of the district calendar to be used on the website. This would help keep parents updated on school activities. Mrs. Bade recommended the district go with a 3-year contract for the program with ASTI.

Motion by Mrs. Bade to approve a three year contract with ASTI for the district calendar in the amount of \$2,500.00 per year.

Second by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded

Motion carried.

**2005-06
Budget Review**

Mr. Woodside and Mr. Anderson reviewed the 2005/06 budget for Board input. Mr. Anderson made the Board aware that even with a \$175 per pupil increase, the amount will not cover the increase in health care and retirement costs. The 2005/06 budget will need to be reduced and will have an effect on staff once the cost reductions are implemented. The district has continued to reduce costs over the last few years due to the state's reduction in funding for schools.

Executive Session

Motion by Mr. LaFevé to go into Executive Session to discuss the Superintendent's evaluation.

Second by Mrs. Bade

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Reconvene

The Board reconvened to General Session.

The Board of Education met with the superintendent to discuss his evaluation. The Board evaluated the Superintendent in the areas of board communication, community relations, educational leadership, and building and finance. The Board was unanimous that the Superintendent met and exceeded Board expectations.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Osborne to adjourn the Working Meeting of February 9, 2005.

Second by Mr. Bemis.

All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

The Working Meeting of the Anchor Bay Schools Board of Education was adjourned at 8:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 9, 2005.