

**ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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To: Board Members Place: AB Middle School North
From: Laura Wallyn Date of Meeting: February 15, 2006
Subject: Regular Board Meeting Time: 7:30 p.m.

******* A M E N D E D *******

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- II. Follow Through: At this point on the agenda we will answer questions left open at previous meetings. Comments on the Agenda: At this point the public is invited to comment on any item that appears on the agenda. Communications related to the agenda will be read at this time.
- III. Towards Greater Student Achievement
 - A. D.A.R.E. - Sheriff Mark Hackel
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 3. Superintendent Evaluation
- VI. Consent Agenda: (Minutes Regular Meeting 1-25-06, Financial Report)
- VII. 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.
- VIII. Adjournment

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**Minutes of the Regular Meeting Held
Wednesday, February 15, 2006**

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:40 p.m. on Wednesday, February 15, 2006 by President Mittelstadt.

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

Members absent: Bemis, Osborne

Administrators Present: K. Anderson, G. Eckstein, K. Hill, K. Krause, P. Rogers, A. Berglund, M. DeWitte, K. Elias, S. Milton-Hoffman, T. Huber, K. Markel, C. Selby

**Call to Order and
Pledge of Allegiance**

Mr. Mittelstadt called the meeting to order and the ROTC cadets presented the colors and led the Board and audience in the Pledge of Allegiance.

Follow Through

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D.A.R.E.

Last year, one month before school started, the district was informed the liaison officers would no longer be available to our elementary schools. After several calls, looking into hiring a retired officer, etc., Mr. Woodside asked Sheriff Hackel of the Macomb County Sheriff's Department if he could bring the DARE program to Anchor Bay. The details were worked out and we now have DARE officers meeting with our 5th graders. Detective Sergeant Christopher Rojem and Deputy Nancy Orman came to the meeting, and Detective Rojem talked about the program and how important it is not only to the students, but their families as well. He stated the sheriff's office will be in the district as long as they are needed.

D.A.R.E. Appreciation

One fifth grade student from each elementary school recited a paragraph about the benefits of the D.A.R.E. program. They were: **Nick Papandrea** (*Lighthouse Elementary*), **Donnie Lovati** (*Maconce Elementary*), **Taylor Kathan** (*Sugarbush Elementary*), **Ella Porter** (*Lottie Schmidt Elementary*), **Nick McCann** (*Ashley Elementary*), **Alex Wells** (*Naldrett Elementary*), and **Cortez, Cogghe** (*MacDonald Elementary*).

The fifth grade students from Great Oaks performed a song, *Forever Free*, about the DARE program. The students were: **Danielle Lee, Bianca Bommarito, Nikki Novak, Brittney Rankin, James Jury, Jr., Daniel Simpson, Jenna Russo, Haley Johnston, Jenna Rozanski, Kathryn Newkirk, Taylor Allison, Jenna Wilbur, Caitlynn Smelser, Taylor Dale, Amanda Northup, Emily Gargulinski, Sydnee Wargo, Rachel Piotruchowski, Alyssa Turner, and Garrett Woodside**

ROTC Activity Update

Cadets from the Anchor Bay Junior ROTC updated the Board on recent activities, which include a drill meet in Grand Rapids, an ice skating party, and a trip to Great Skate for roller skating on Friday. They will also be doing an exhibition at one of the elementary schools, and will be going to Toledo, Ohio for a drill meet. On March 25 the cadets will travel to Chicago for a drill meet and a tour of the city.

Student Congress Report

Josh Miller, Student Board Representative, reported on student activities in the various schools. The high school Jazz Band will be traveling to Central Michigan University to participate in the jazz festival, and May 13 is prom. March 27 at 7:00 p.m. the All-District Honors Choir will be performing at Anchor Bay High School. The elementary schools will be having Theme Week. The themes this year are Wacky Hair Day, Twin Day, Hat Day, and Sports Day. Josh stated the members of Student Congress wondered if the Board had any questions for the students, and at this time they did not.

Elementary Music Program

Karen Hill, Director of Elementary Curriculum, introduced Deborah Root, an elementary music teacher. Ms. Root gave a power point presentation and an overview of the elementary music program, and explained how the program incorporated five areas into the curriculum. These areas are Performance, Creating, Analyzing, Arts in Context, and Integration. Ms. Root also mentioned the patriotic CD that was produced for Sugarbush

Elementary will be shipped overseas to our servicemen and servicewomen.

**Award Recommendation
Bid Package #10
M.S. North
Additions/Renovations**

Barton Malow accepted bids on behalf of the Anchor Bay School District for the M.S. North Additions and Renovations project. Barton Malow has reviewed the bids and completed post-bid interviews with most of the contractors.

Four of the bid categories for this project are not ready to be awarded at this time. These categories will be brought to the school board at a future meeting for review and approval. The recommendation is to award the categories listed in the award recommendation letter in order to take advantage of the time needed to secure materials for the project start date.

In addition, the recommendation included the acceptance of Alternate #2. Alternate #2 is the two-classroom addition that would be constructed in the Southeast corner of the building. Alternate #2 has a cost of approximately \$228,294.

Bid package #10 – (M.S. North Additions and Renovations) is within budget with the acceptance of alternate #2. Attached is Barton Malow's award recommendation for Bid Package #10 and spreadsheets showing contractor bids.

Motion by Mr. LaFève to approve the award recommendation for Bid Package #10 – M.S. North Additions and Renovations with the acceptance of alternate #2 in the amount of \$6,116,421 as presented.

Second by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Mr. Mittelstadt commented a lot of work went into trying to cost out this project to meet the requirements of the Board. This is a formidable project that is coming in at or under budget, leaving room for potential changes. Mr. Mittelstadt thanked everyone involved. The middle school will be under construction for approximately one-and-a-half years, however the enhancements will improve the building significantly.

**Award Recommendation
Furniture for Classroom
Additions**

On February 8, 2006, competitive bids were received for a furniture bid package for the classroom additions at Ashley, Great Oaks, Naldrett, and Sugarbush Elementary schools. The award recommendation is in the amount of \$59,497.92. The furniture bid

package consists of teacher desks, teacher chairs, student desks, student chairs, and classroom tables.

Motion by Mrs. Bade to approve award recommendation for furniture for classroom additions at Ashley, Great Oaks, Naldrett, and Sugarbush Elementary schools in the amount of \$59,497.92 as presented.

Second by Ms. Wallyn.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

**Award Recommendation
Technology Wiring
Bid Package**

Innovate Technology accepted bids on behalf of the Anchor Bay School District for the installation of computer/voice wiring for the classroom additions at Ashley, Great Oaks, Sugarbush, and Naldrett Elementary schools. The bid package was reviewed by Innovate Technology, Tim Sizemore, and Andy Case and the recommendation is to award the technology wiring bid package to Advanced Integration Group, Inc. (AIG) in the amount of \$28,429.25

Motion by Mr. Bidlingmaier to approve the award recommendation for the technology wiring bid package for Ashley, Great Oaks, Sugarbush, and Naldrett Elementary schools in the amount of \$28,429.25 as presented.

Second by Mrs. Bade.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Student Expulsion

Motion by Mrs. Bade to expel Student #1498070995 for 180 days from Anchor Bay Schools as recommended.

Second by Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Bills Payable

Motion by Mr. LaFève to accept the Bills Payable for January 2005 as presented.

Second by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

**ROTC Field
Trip Requests**

Captain Werder of the Anchor Bay Junior ROTC program is requesting permission to take the cadets to an out of state drill meet at Springfield High School in Toledo, Ohio on Saturday, March 4, 2006.

Captain Werder is also requesting approval for a summer camping trip to Darien Lake, New York (via Canada) from June 16-18, 2006. This is a summer family camping trip and transportation will be provided by parents. The campground is located outside of Buffalo, New York.

Motion by Ms. Wallyn to approve the ROTC field trips to Toledo, Ohio and Darien Lake, New York as presented.

Second by Mrs. Bade.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Mr. Bidlingmaier asked about transportation and Mr. Woodside responded the Air Forced generally provides this for the cadets.

Severance Incentive

The Board was asked to approve the severance incentive programs for teachers and administrations.

Motion by Mr. LaFève to accept the severance incentives as presented.

Second by Ms. Wallyn.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Mr. Woodside commented the Board needs to cut \$2.5-\$3 million for next year. The economy in Michigan is having a serious impact on education. The severance programs are just the first step in making budget reductions for the 2006-07 school year. An increase in fuel costs, energy, and retirement used all of the \$175 per pupil increase that was given this year. The foundation allowance is not keeping up with costs. Mr. Woodside also stated the district will need to reduce the budget by \$4 to \$4.6 million overall, however a portion of this will be taken from the fund equity to lessen the impact.

Mr. Mittelstadt remarked the State of Michigan has provided no increase in the foundation allowance for the past three years, and yet this year costs have increased in health care, gas, etc. and the district is still obligated to pay the bills. The lack of revenue from the state puts the district in dire straits. The Board has an obligation to honor the employee contracts, and will have to make reductions in supplies, etc. The incentive programs are just the beginning of the budget reduction process.

**Anchor Bay Association
of Education Office
Personnel**

On Thursday, February 9, 2006 the Anchor Bay Association of Education Office Personnel ratified a three-year contract.

Motion by Mrs. Bade to approve the three-year contract for the Anchor Bay Association of Education Office Personnel as presented.

Second by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Motion by Mr. LaFève to approve Consent Agenda (Minutes of Regular Meeting of 1-25-06 and Financial Report) as presented.

Second by Ms. Wallyn.

Roll call vote: 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.

Heights Heating &

Mr. Woodside is recommending the resolution of the Eastern Mechanical/Heights Heating & Cooling lawsuit and is asking the Board to approve the settlement in the amount of \$390,000.

Motion by Mr. Bidlingmaier to approve the settlement for Eastern Mechanical/Heights Heating & Cooling in the amount of \$390,000.

Second by Mrs. Bade.

Roll call vote: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

**Superintendent
Evaluation**

The Board met in Executive Session to review the Superintendent Evaluation.

Executive Session

Motion by Mrs. Bade to convene to Executive Session.

Second by Mr. Bidlingmaier.

Roll call: All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

The Board went into Executive Session at 8:40 p.m.

Reconvene

The Board returned from Executive Session at 8:54 p.m.

Adjournment

Motion by Mrs. Bade to adjourn the February 15, 2006 Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education.

Second by Ms. Wallyn.

All ayes recorded.

Motion carried.

The meeting adjourned at 8:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Laura Wallyn
Secretary, Board of Education