

**ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
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**Minutes of the Curriculum Board Meeting Held Virtual
Wednesday, May 12, 2021**

Call to Order

The Curriculum Board Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 12, 2021 by President Lisa Birkmeier.

Members present: Birkmeier, Moses, Green, Knox, Richards, DeRoo, Mittelstadt

Members absent: none

Administrators Present: T. Rathbun, J. McDonald, T. Wedge, R. Randazzo, A. Banach, J. LaPerriere

President Birkmeier made a couple changes on the agenda.

1. Special Meeting to go into closed session with attorney to review New Superintendent contract.
2. Move Academic Dream Team Award before the Reconfirmation.

The Board agreed that next Wednesday, May 19th at 7:00 p.m. they would have a special meeting. Call to order and closed session only on agenda.

Superintendent Selection

John Silveri with MLI gave a brief overview of the process. The process was very thorough and deliberate also inclusive with stakeholders and very transparent. Started on February 17th, the initial planning meeting. Then through the stakeholder's survey that was conducted they were able to create a candidate profile and create the posting that was April 16th meeting the Board selected 5 of 23 applications to interview. April 20th- 22nd the first-round interviews were conducted, then on April 23rd two individuals were selected for second interviews on April 26th and 27th. On those days the candidates were able to come in and meet stakeholders (Students, administrators, staff members and community members) and provide additional feedback. Then on May 4th and May 6th a sub committee of the Board conducted site visits to the home districts of the two final candidates and share with the other four members. They Board has the opportunity to review all the information and come tonight ready to make a final decision. Mr. Silveri thanked Sherrie and Anita for their assistant throughout the process and he thanked the Board members for following the process very collaboratively and cholerically. From a consultant's perspective he greatly appreciated how they conducted themselves and primed themselves to make a great decision.

The Board thanked both candidates, saying it was a difficult decision to make they had two great candidates and they thanked Mr. Silveri and the stakeholders. Each member was asked their final selection:

Ms. Birkmeier selected Phil Jankowski

Mr. Dennis selected Phil Jankowski

Mr. DeRoo selected Phil Jankowski

Mr. Green selected Phil Jankowski, participated in the site visits with Ms. Knox and Mr. Richards.

Ms. Knox selected Phil Jankowski, she also said she attended the site visits and both highly qualified.

Mr. Moses selected Phil Jankowski

Mr. Mittelstadt leaning to Mr. Dean thought this should be a unanimous decision and selected Phil Jankowski

Motion by Mr. DeRoo to off position of Superintendent to Phil Jankowski.

Support by Ms. Knox

Vote: Ayes: DeRoo, Knox, Birkmeier, Moses, Green, Richards, Mittelstadt
Nays: none

Motion carried.

Ms. Birkmeier couldn't echo enough that this process has gone extremely smoothly with the help of Mr. Silveri. She thanked the help from the office from Ms. Banach, Ms. DiCristofaro and Mr. Rathbun and to all the community members who took time to participate and give feedback back to the Board. This is probable the most important decision a school board can make and not all school board members will get this in their time. She is very excited for the future of Anchor Bay and looks forward to moving forward in this process. Congratulations to Mr. Jankowski.

All Academic and Dream Team Award

Jeff LaPerriere, High School principal said it was an exciting night for the high school as we get an opportunity to honor two students who have worked very hard to be at the top of their class. Each year the Macomb County Secondary Principals honor the top seniors from each class. A, B, and C/D combined. We are honoring a total of 95 students from all classes this school year. There were 57 seniors selected from the Class A high schools. This year Anchor Bay had 2 students selected to the All-Academic Team.

On behalf of the Macomb County Secondary Principals and the MISD it is our honor to present Jonathan Taylor and Giana Maniaci the prestigious 2021 Macomb County All-Academic Team.

Jonathon Taylor attended Ashley Elementary and Middle School North. Jonathan holds a GPA of 4.345 and scored a 1520 on the SAT.

Giana Maniaci attended Lottie Elementary and Middle School South. Giana holds a GPA of 4.380 and scored a 1550 on the SAT. She is also a finalist for the National Merit Scholarship. There were 4.5 million high school juniors who took the PSAT NMSC qualifier. Each finalist is being considered for one of the 2,500 scholarships available (totaling 30 million dollars)

The Board of Education congratulated Jonathan and Giana who were accompanied by their parents and Giana's grandfather for pictures.
(3-minute recess)

Reconfirmation of Instructional Delivery during Extended COVID-19 Learning Plan

Joe McDonald presented information on instructional delivery methods that were reconfirmed at the Regular meeting on April 28th along with weekly 2-way interaction rates as required for our monthly reconfirmation of the COVID-19 extended learning plan. It is also required by the board to solicit public comment from parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the district.

As decided by the board on April 28th, 2021, students at the elementary level will continue with the option of either face to face or virtual instruction. At the elementary level, virtual classes have a separate dedicated virtual teacher and separate teachers for the face to face students. At the Secondary Level (6-12) the teachers have webcams and can offer live instruction via zoom, or a prerecorded lesson with a daily 2-way interaction. All teachers use the

Schoology learning management platform. Our virtual courses mirror our traditional courses, meaning they contain the same curriculum content, assignments and assessments to the extent feasible in an online setting. Anchor Bay teachers upload the course content into each course in the Schoology learning platform. The remote instruction will require the same amount of days and hours and traditional courses. Alternative accommodations for our special education and at-risk students will also be presented

Public comments from parents and legal guardians of students enrolled in the district at this time.

Stephanie Richards asked if going into the next school year will virtual be an option.

Mr. McDonald did reply though not a part of the plan not knowing if the state will require yet, it has not been decided. They do have options for virtual; however, it will look different than this year.

Motion by Mr. Moses to approve Re-Confirmation.

Support by Mr. Green

Vote: Ayes: Moses, Green, Birkmeier, Knox, Richards, DeRoo, Mittelstadt

Nays: none

Motion carried.

Facilities Update

Todd Rathbun provided an update on the use of our facilities by the public and other organizations external to the District.

The district has reopened the Aquatic Center this week. The period of 10:00 - 5:30 is blocked out for our student's use. Groups will be allowed to use the facility at a greatly reduced capacity in the morning from 6:00 AM to 9:45 AM and then again after 5:30 PM until 6:30PM. By utilizing a "soft" of limited opening, we believe that it will allow the facility to properly distance patrons and have adequate staffing to ensure the safety of staff, students and our community. The center will be cleaned between groups and again in advance of our students. The Aquatic Center schedule will continue to be evaluated and may be open additional hours in the future. They will continue to meet and discuss opening to the general public and these updates will be posted to the website. Please continue to monitor the website for updates.

Right Sizing Update

Anita Banach presented an overview. Ms. Banach reviewed the priorities, least impact on families and staff, equity and long-term savings. The information used by the committee to create the two scenarios and specific pros and cons considered. The Board discussed the committee's findings to determine the school to close.

Mr. Mittelstadt asked for clarification on Ms. Banach's statement that the buildings have adequate space for growth. He asked whether she or the committee had asked the New Baltimore or the Townships about their growth like building permits or future subdivisions. Much growth can be seen in the school district. Combining the two schools would limit the ability to shift growth if needed. Ms. Banach indicated that she or committee did not contact the local municipalities and that the principals were included in the discussions.

Right Sizing Resolution

Motion by Mr. DeRoo to consolidate Sugarbush Elementary into Naldrett Elementary to commence with the 2021-2022 school year.

Support by Mr. Moses

Vote: Ayes: DeRoo, Moses, Birkmeier, Green, Knox, Richards
Nays: Mittelstadt

Motion carried.

Award Recommendations

The recommendation is to award the upgrade to the district domain servers and system center (SCCM) to Avalon in the amount of \$38,274.00 from bond funds. Avalon has completed work in the district previously and is a known vendor.

Motion by Mr. Mittelstadt to award the upgrade to the district domain servers and system center (SCCM) to Avalon in the amount of \$38,274.00.

Support by Mr. Green

Vote: Ayes: Mittelstadt, Green, Birkmeier, Moses, Knox, Richards, DeRoo
Nays: none

Motion carried.

The recommendation is to award the upgrade the High School auditorium lighting system to Fantasee Lighting in the amount of \$90,877.08 from bond funds.

Motion by Mr. Mittelstadt to award the upgrade High School Auditorium lightning system to Fantasee Lighting in the amount of \$90,877.08.

Support by Mr. Moses

Vote: Ayes: Mittelstadt, Moses, Birkmeier, Green, Knox, Richards, DeRoo
Nays: none

Motion carried.

Open Forum

At this point the public is invited to comment on the Board of Education agenda. Those who wish to participate in the Open Forum need to fill out a brief request stating their name, address, and the subjective of their comments. Comments about specific employees should be directed to them personally and should not be included in the public forum.

Brian Powers (in person) commented that he was on the right size committee. Future growth was discussed and he said that Naldrett and Sugarbush principals were in the meetings with a lot of input from the best.

Crystal Oretaga (virtual) commented that her some was in district school of choice at MacDonald and it was a very smooth transition when Maconce and MacDonald combined.

Jackie (parent) (virtual) expressed her concern on where CI program would be going and hoped they would keep them in same building with ECSE.

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Moses to adjourn the May 12, 2021 Board Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education.

Supported by Mr. DeRoo

Vote: Ayes: Moses, DeRoo, Knox, Birkmeier, Green, Richards, Mittelstadt
Nays: none

Motion carried.

The Regular Board Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education adjourned at 8:23 p.m.