ANCHOR BAY SCHOOL DISTRICT
5201 County Line Rd., Suite 100
Casco, Michigan 48064
Minutes of the Regular Meeting
Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Call to Order

The Regular Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education was called to order at 7:17 p.m. on Wednesday, August 12, 2026 by President, Dennis Richards

Members present: Richards, Knox, Vendittelli, Powers, Birkmeier, Sonneberger, Covert

Members absent: None

Administrators Present: Phil Jankowski, Todd Rathbun

Call to Order and Pledge Allegiance

Approval of Agenda

Motion by Mr. Covert to approve the agenda as presented.
Support by Ms. Knox
Vote: Ayes: Covert, Knox, Vendittelli, Birkmeier, Powers, Sonneberger, Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried.

State Championship Recognition-
Anchor Bay senior Cameron Gramzow is the 2026 MHSAA Division 1 State Champion in the discus! Competing in challenging conditions with wind gusts reaching 20 mph, Cameron opened the competition with a throw of 168'1" and never looked back. He later improved to a winning mark of 172'1", holding off the state's best throwers to capture the Division 1 state title.

Superintendent's Update-. Superintendent presented bond construction update, discipline and budget.

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.

Charles Penzion- Employee retention
Joe Adams- High School issues

Consent Agenda

Motion by Ms. Knox to approve the 6-24-26 Regular Meeting Minutes, Personnel Report, Financial Report and Bills Payable for June and July 2026.
Supported by Mr. Powers
Vote: Ayes: Knox, Powers, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Covert**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Elementary/Secondary Handbooks

Motion by Ms. Knox to approve the Elementary and Secondary hanbooks.
Supported by Mr. Covert

Vote: Ayes: Knox, Covert, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Powers**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

MASB Delegate Assembly

Motion by Mr. Powers to approve delegate Sonneberger and alternate Powers for the 2026 MASB Delegate Assembly October 15, 2026 at 7:00 p.m.
Supported by Ms. Knox
Vote: Ayes: Powers, Knox, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Covert**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Middle School Text Book

Motion by Ms. Knox to approve the Middle School Social Studies textbook recommendations for a total of $164,280.34.
Supported by Mr. Sonneberger
Vote: Ayes: Knox, Sonneberger, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Powers, Covert**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Award- Food Service Equipment

Motion by Ms. Knox to award the Food Service Equipment contract to Gold Star Products for $174,323.64.
Supported by Mr. Covert
Vote: Ayes: Knox, Covert, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Powers**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Award- Boilers Phase III (Energy Bond)

Motion by Mr. Powers to approve Phase III Boiler and Hot Water Pumps in the amount of $1,289,331.80.
Supported by Ms. Knox
Vote: Ayes: Powers, Knox, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Covert**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Award- Building Automated Systems Upgrades

Motion by Ms. Knox to approve the BAS system upgrades in the amount of $1,235,768.45.
Supported by Mr. Covert
Vote: Ayes: Knox, Covert, Birkmeier, Vendittelli, Sonneberger, Powers**,** Richards
Nays: None
Motion carried

Volunteer Appeal

Motion by Ms. Knox to approve the Volunteer appeal as presented.
Supported by Ms. Birkmeier
Vote: Ayes: Knox, Birkmeier, Sonneberger, Covert**,** Richards
Nays: Powers, Vendittelli
Motion carried

Adjournment

Motion by Mr. Covert to adjourn the August 12, Meeting of the Anchor Bay Board of Education at 9:13 p.m.
Support by Ms. Knox
Vote: Ayes: all ayes recorded.
Nays: none
Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Dominic Venditelli
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Secretary, Board of Education