

# ***It Happened Last Night – November 19, 2007***

## **The Anthony Wayne Board of Education Meeting Summary**

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The regular Board meeting started at 6:32 pm. Approximately 50 visitors were also present.

### **Minutes:**

- The minutes of the regular October 15, 2007 Board of Education meeting were approved.

### **Visitors**

- Mr. Larry Gardner spoke expressing his dissatisfaction with the current administration and school board. He urged the board to consider rather than increasing the millage on the expiring emergency levy to place two separate levies on the ballot; a renewal and then one for additional millage, so that the voters can have an opportunity to defeat additional millage but yet still maintain the current millage.
- Mrs. Micki Morgan-Rybicki spoke to express her belief in the current board and administration and to offer thanks to Dr. Granger, Mrs. Johnson and the board of education for leading the district through the recent financial crisis. She also expressed her concern that the district residents must unite to order to pass the upcoming levy in order to at least maintain the current standard of education.
- Mrs. Annette Carroll expressed her gratitude to the administration and current board. She also thanked them for recent changes to the gifted program.

### **Treasurer's Report (October 2007)**

- The Board unanimously approved all financial reports as presented.
- Accepted a donation of ten folding tables and three carts for the AWHs Parents' Club.
- Accepted a donation of \$4,000 from Zion Lutheran Church to be used for the Challenge Day Program.

### **Superintendent's Educational Reports & Recommendations**

- Superintendent's Update – Dr. John Granger
  - Captain David Atkinson of the Ohio National Guard presented an American flag that was flown in Afganistan to Mr. Conner and expressed his thanks to the district for providing him with an excellent education.
  - Dr. Granger shared that Mrs. Johnson and Mr. Burns recently met with the two incoming board members, Pam Gerhardinger and Ronald Disher, to update them on the district's financial situation. He also shared that a new school board member orientation is being planned.
  - Mr. Tom Giffin, AW Music Dept. Chair shared with the board the desire to create a string program in the AW district. He outlined the goals as well as the structure for the implementaion of this program. The program will begin in January of 2008.
  - Dr. Granger shared that if the district plans to put an operating levy on the ballot in March of 2008 they must first approve a resolution of necessity. There was discussion on the amount of millage that will be requested. Dr. Granger shared with the board that they can approve the resolution of necessity now and determine the millage at the special board meeting on December 6<sup>th</sup>.
  - Dr. Granger shared that the date of January Organization/Regular meeting will be changed to January 14, 2008 at 6:30 p.m.

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- The graduation time for the Class of 2008 will be changed to 3:00 p.m. on June 7<sup>th</sup>. This time slot became available and Mr. Conner put this up to a vote with the senior class and they voted overwhelmingly to make this change.
- Letters from the Ohio Dept. of Education and the Village of Whitehouse were shared.
- The Board approved the following items:
  - Agreement with the Community Partnership.
  - Agreement with the Anne Grady Day Program
  - Overnight trips were approved for Marketing Education and Honors' Government Class.
  - Kevin Keifer was approved to graduate with the Class of 2007.
  - Purchase of a 71-passenger handicapped bus. Federal funds will be used for this purchase.
  - Approved a military leave of absence for Brad Contat from October 25, 2007 to present. Dr. Granger announced that Mr. Contat will be returning to the classroom on November 26<sup>th</sup>.
  - Approved a resolution of necessity for the March Emergency Levy.

### **Superintendent's Personnel Recommendations**

- The Board approved the following resignations:
  - Resignation of Dorothy Long, bus driver, effective 11/4/07.
- The Board approved the following employment:
  - Kimberly Smith, food service worker
- Approved support staff substitutes, substitute teachers and home instruction tutors, to be used on an as needed basis and to be paid according to Board substitute salary schedules.
- Approved supplemental and limited supplemental contracts for the 2007/08 school year.

### **Visitors**

No Visitors spoke at this time.

### **Executive Session**

The Board went into executive session to discuss employment of public employees

**The meeting adjourned at approximately 8:45 p.m..**

**The next regular Anthony Wayne Board of Education meeting will be Monday, December 17, 2007 at 6:30 pm in the Board Room at the Anthony Wayne Central Administrative Office.**