

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 19, 2021**

The Organizational/Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael G. Musary, acting as temporary chair until the election of the Board President. Terri Tomayko was appointed temporary secretary until the election of officers took place.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual),
J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski (virtual)

School Personnel Present: T. Tomayko,

Guests Present: J. Tobey, former board member

21-05 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual),
J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

21-06 Nomination by S. Kline to elect J. Ackerman as President.

Nomination by S. Nieman to elect S. Kline as President. No other nominations were made.

Jordan Ackerman was elected **President** (with a 4-3 vote) of the Armada Board of Education:

Ayes: S. Kline, E. Cooper, J. Ackerman, A. Blake

Nays: M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman

Jordan assumed the meeting as Board President and continued the nominations for officers:

21-07 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect S. Kline as Vice President. No other nominations were made.

S. Kline was unanimously elected **Vice-President** of the Armada Board of Education.

21-08 Nomination by C. Murray to elect S. Nieman as Treasurer. No other nominations were made.

S. Nieman was unanimously elected **Treasurer** of the Armada Board of Education.

21-09 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect M. Meerschaert as Secretary. No other nominations were made.

M. Meerschaert was unanimously elected **Secretary** of the Armada Board of Education.

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21-10 Motion by S. Kline, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education designate regular Board meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule.

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual), J. Ackerman,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

President, Jordan Ackerman reviewed the committees and the current members and there were no changes to be made.

21-11 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 15, 2020 (regular meeting)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$349,970.01
3. Personnel Report
 - Ashley Burrell, Special Services Instructional Aide – Krause, Effective 01-11-2021
 - Schedule B Spring Coach List

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual), J. Ackerman,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-12 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Second reading of MIOSHA Policy #8450.05 and the Employee Group Audit document attached.

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual), J. Ackerman,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-13 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to formally request that in-person educators and school staff members receive priority inoculation during Phase 1B of the Michigan COVID-19 Vaccination Plan.

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual), J. Ackerman,
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Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-14 Motion by S. Kline, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Monthly Extended Continuity of Learning Plan for the Armada Area School District as presented and with no changes.

Roll Call: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (virtual), J. Ackerman,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-15 President, Jordan Ackerman, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by A. Blake.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications made.

Presentations: Board Member, Judy Tobey was presented with a plaque in appreciation and special recognition of her 11+ years of dedicated service to the community as a trustee for the Armada Area Schools Board of Education. Judy's term ended on December 31, 2020.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- Per the January 13, 2021 MDHHS Order (effective through January 31, 2021)
 - Preschool through 12th grade open for in-person instruction (local district choice)
 - Childcare facilities are open
 - Can do non-contact sports such as bowling and swimming
 - Contact sports (i.e., basketball, competitive cheer, and wrestling) can do indoor conditioning, weight lifting, and non-contact drills as long as social distancing and wearing a mask. Competitions are not allowed at this time.
 - Out-of-season sports are allowed to do indoor conditioning as long as social distancing and wearing a mask.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, provided an update of the following:

- Learning Plan Update: All schools must offer in person learning by March 1, 2021.

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- Participation Rates: Attendance Rates since the return to school January 4, 2021 were between 80.1% and 96.45%.
- Additional Empower Q & A Sessions are scheduled for February 8, 2021.
- Professional Development: Took place on January 18th along with a Staff Appreciation lunch. Additional dates are February 8, 2021 and March 8, 2021.
- WIDA Testing is scheduled February 1 through April 9, 2021
- NWEA testing should be completed by January 29, 2021
- Trimester 3 – Learning option survey will open on February 12 and close on the 19th.

Board Reports: The Student Board of Education Representative, Madisen Ruczynski, was introduced and shared the following information:

- Student Council members are brightening the hallways and doors with paintings and color.
- The Nature Club is remodeling the greenhouse which is a big science motivator.
- The PLT is promoting a fundraiser which is also lifting the moods of the students.

Old Business: Member, E. Cooper, reminded the members that there had been discussion about another workshop regarding Empower. It was decided that a workshop would be scheduled to also look at other platforms and options.

New Business: Member, S. Nieman, encouraged the new board members to check out the classes at MASB and thought that it would be a good idea to require new members to take a certain number of classes within their first couple of years.

Points of Pride:

E. Cooper

- Proud of the teachers and students for continuing their in-person learning

C. Murray:

- Proud of the coaches and students for their incredible patience and resilience in waiting to represent our district in the BWAC.

M. Meerschaert:

- Kudos to the high school students and teachers who were forced to go virtually before the holiday break. They all did a great job getting through it.

J. Ackerman

- Proud of the students and their grit. It has been a roller coaster ride and they are handling it well. He feels for Don Holston, our Athletic Director, because of all of the athletic schedule changes.

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S. Nieman

- Proud of the community members and board members. Judy Tobey has volunteered in athletics while her children were in school and then as a board member. Now, Andrew Blake, a former student, is volunteering as a board and community member.

S. Kline:

- Shout out to the Special Education teacher at the Middle School who started the Tiger Café that provides drinks every Friday.

A. Blake

- Feels he was handed a gift to be able to grow up in this community and attend school in Armada and is looking to give back. He is excited and proud to be a part of it.

P. Jankowski:

- Appreciative of the School Board and gave them a big thank you. It has been a tough year and it is quite an accomplishment to keep students in school.

Student Representative:

- Madisen is proud of the seniors and their maturity in the way that they are handling this difficult year.

M. Musary:

- Proud of the students, staff and school board who support the continuation of in-person and virtual learning. Proud of the parents who keep their children home if they are not feeling well. Recognized the school board members as a good group with a combined number of fifty years of experience.

Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education