

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 15, 2022**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman,
E. Cooper, A. Blake, (Student Rep. B. Pearce)

Board of Education Absent: C. Murray

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

22-82 Motion by M. Meerchaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, E. Cooper, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

22-83 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. October 18, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

b. October 18, 2022 (Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$489,461.45 as presented.

3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, E. Cooper, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

21-84 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education Approve the attached Annual Summer Tax resolution, which allows the district to collect 50% of its taxes in the summer of 2023. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All: E. Cooper, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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22-85 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the First reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 37, No. 1 – September 2022 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education’s Policy Committee. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, E. Cooper, A Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

22-86 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by S. Wylin.

Hearing of the Public:

- A candidate who was running for a seat on the school board congratulated and encouraged those members who were re-elected and newly elected in the recent election.

Communications:

- None

Presentations

Counselor Presentation – Going Places

Armada High School Counselors, Kate Felcyn and Shannon Mazey provided an excellent presentation which hi-lighted some of the new changes that are taking place at the high school. They have revamped their curriculum to assure each grade level is receiving service and support. Their new slogan, Going Places, ensures that students who provide proof of college acceptance, military enlistment, or an action plan for the trades are “going places.”

Student Awards

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” from Armada Middle School, and Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate. The October 2022 Principal Awards were presented to the elementary students. Athletic Excellence awards were also given to the members of the boys tennis team for their accomplishments in athletics and in the classroom.

Superintendent’s Report:

- At Krause Elementary, the 3rd graders have a 6:30 pm holiday concert performance this evening. On Saturday (Nov. 12) night, 80+ boys and their moms attended a mother-son dance.
- At the M.S., the holiday performance schedule is Dec. 1 (Choir), Dec. 6 (Band), and Dec. 8 (Orchestra) – all at 7:00 pm at AHS.
- At the H.S., the fall musical (Lucky Stiff) was a success this past weekend. Practices for winter athletics began this week. The holiday performance schedule is Dec. 1 (vocal music including the M.S) and Dec. 15 (Band & Orchestra) – both at 7:00 pm.

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\$26.5 Million Bond Issue & 0.85 Sinking Fund Mills

- \$26.5 million bond issue failed 2152 – 2293
- 0.85 Sinking Fund failed 2004 – 2391
- Process for May 2, 2023 election
 - Discuss putting proposals on ballot (tonight) – no formal vote.
 - Administration and legal firm have a meeting with the MI Dept. of Treasury on December 8, 2022.
 - School Board approve the Treasury application at December 20, 2022 Board Meeting.
 - School Board call for a May 2023 election at the January 17, 2023 Board Meeting.
 - Reasons to place on May 2023 ballot
 - The district went through a detailed strategic planning process with staff and the community and these ballot proposals were a result of that process.
 - There was a lot on the November 8th ballot which may have caused some confusion and no votes – \$26.5 million bond received 51% no votes so still very close.
 - There is a lot of disappointment on social media from the school community that the bond and sinking fund did not pass. Our job is to advocate for what is best for students.

The members of the board agree to go through the process of placing it on the May 2023 ballot.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided the following information:

I. Cognia Accreditation Review

- A. Process started
- B. Performance Standards
- C. March/April Visit

II. MTSS Update

III. ELA Curriculum Reviews

- A. Secondary working with ISD
- B. Elementary received ISD input, looking at specific curriculums

IV. Professional Development

- A. November 21st and January 3rd (virtual)

Board Reports:

Student Representative, Brett Pearce: The play “*Lucky Stiff*” went well this past weekend. There are lots of plans in the works for this winter.

Member S. Nieman: The Armada Education Foundation received thirty-eight grant applications. The recipients will be chosen at the next AEF meeting scheduled on December 8, 2022.

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

Member S. Wylin: Attended the MASB Leadership Conference in October and wondered if it would be beneficial for the rest of the members, especially the new members, to explore some of these courses or perhaps provide a workshop regarding code of conduct and board procedures. She also had received some feedback from teachers who wanted to have a survey conducted where they could remain anonymous and be able to voice their feelings about employee satisfaction or express other opinions or concerns.

Superintendent Musary: He has met with Jessica Livingston who recently toured the Oxford school facility and had some safety ideas. He would like to form a community safety committee that would cover all areas of safety. He is looking to get the information out there for the next school year.

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele would like to congratulate the high school yearbook staff for receiving an award for their 2021-22 yearbook for their design and content.

S. Wylin:

- Shawn enjoyed the Mother/Son dance on Saturday and thought it was awesome. She is proud of Trista Pratt for all that she does with the Armada Community Education Program (ACEP).

S. Nieman:

- Sue wanted to recognize Camden Kohn for his all-state medal in cross-country.

E. Cooper:

- Ed's point of pride was the crowd that was present at the meeting tonight. Several awards were given out and it was quite impressive.

S. Kline:

- Scott said that despite the past lockdown and the changes that are coming to the board with some leaving and some new members coming in, he thinks the board does a fantastic job.

K. Skokna

- Kelly was impressed with the school play and the art fair this past weekend.

A. Blake

- Andrew's point of pride was the counseling presentation "Going Places".

B. Pearce

- Brett gave a shout-out to Mr. McDevitt for moving a lot of cheer mats over the weekend. He said it was such a selfless act.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary said that the play was fantastic, we have a lot of talented students, our new director did not miss a beat, and the turnout was good.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education