

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
November 14, 2023**

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 Board President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak,  
S. Wylin, A. Blake

Board of Education Absent:

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

23-83 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S.Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

**Voice Vote:** C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-84 Motion by M. Meerschaert supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. October 17, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
  - b. October 17, 2023 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Bills Payable
3. Personnel Report

**Voice Vote:** C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-85 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, to approve the attached Annual Summer Tax resolution, which allows the district to collect 50% of its taxes in the summer of 2024. (Staff Report #1)

**Voice Vote:** C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-86 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 38, No. 1 – September 2023 updates) and the current policy suggested changes as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education’s Policy Committee. (Staff Report #2)

**Voice Vote:** C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

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23-87 President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 7:53 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Wylín and supported by A. Blake.

**Hearing of the Public:**

- None

**Communications:**

- None

**Student Awards:**

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for October 2023, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards. October’s theme was “Responsibility”. Four of our Cross Country student athletes were also recognized for their academic and athletic performance for the fall season.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

- First bid packages will be released in October/November 2024 and include:
  - Select roofing replacement (MA2S) and drainage/gutters (elementary) – Feb. 2024 Board Award
  - Elementary Parking Lot – Feb. 2024 Board Award
  - Stadium Renovations – Dec. 2023 Board Award
    - New athletic support building (concessions, bathrooms, ticket booth)
    - Football/soccer field turf
    - Softball turf
    - Press boxes (stadium and varsity baseball)
    - Resurface track
    - JV softball scoreboard
    - Pave drives to baseball field and fieldhouse
  - Replace water softeners (elementary, MS, & MA2S) – Dec. 2023 Board Award
  - Emergency generators (elementary, MS, & HS) – one year lead time on equipment – Dec. 2023 Board Award
  - Replace select doors (interior & exterior) and rekey buildings (districtwide) – Jan. 2024 Board Award
  - Two new school buses – Ordering two new buses in early 2024
  - NOTE: Investigating removing two portables near the Middle School and having that be the site for the new Maintenance Office location.

**Armada District Update:**

- At Krause Elementary, there will be a 3<sup>rd</sup> grade holiday concert on December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm.
- At the M.S., the holiday performance schedule is November 30 (Choir), Dec. 5 (Band), and Dec. 7 (Orchestra) – all at 7:00 pm at AHS.

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- At the H.S., the school play (Mamma Mia!) went well and raised \$2,215 for the Oakland University performance arts scholarship program. The Choir will have a holiday concert at 6:00 pm on November 30<sup>th</sup> and the Band & Orchestra will perform at 7:00 pm on December 14<sup>th</sup>.

**Curriculum Update:** Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided a November 2023 Curriculum Update:

**Strategic Planning Goals Review:**

**Goal #1: Academics: Offer a variety of opportunities that motivate and support students to become lifelong learners**

- Continuing to increase the number of concurrent and dual enrollment courses (AP Statistics, Ferris Humanities)
- MTSS Structure: Working toward a common, district-wide protocol
- Increased support staffing with instructional coaches at the elementary
- Online ACE options
- Work on additional CTE at elementary/middle school

**Goal #2: Learning Environment and Culture: Promote an inclusive culture that empowers all learners**

- Implemented Character Strong at the elementary level (Be Well, Be Strong, Be Kind)
- Building out PBIS at the middle school
- Revamped student of the month
- Increased counseling/SW support

**Goal #3: Personnel and Leadership: Attract, retain, and develop high-quality staff within a culture of mutual respect.**

- More targeted professional development (Character Strong, CKLA, Trauma-Informed, Hatching Results for secondary counselors)
- Exploring Kagan training for all teachers in 2024-2025
- Frequent surveys (after PDs, culture-focused, School Improvement)
- Posting of District Wellness Coordinator

**Goal #4: Communications and Community Engagement: Foster community relationships and enhance communication, education, and involvement.**

- Frequent communication at the building levels via School Messenger, newsletters, regular emails
- In the process of Schoology roll out for parents
- Continuing to look at opportunities to expand partnerships with community businesses

**Goal #5: Operations: Maintain and improve our facilities and operations.**

- Currently developing new, rolling plan for technology
  - Recently purchased 53 new carts
  - 1200 new Chromebooks
  - 200 touch screen Chromebooks
- Bond work throughout the district
- Additional custodial help at elementary and high school

**Additional Curriculum Updates**

- PSAT/SAT Fall Administration--Digital

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- Ferris Concurrent Enrollment: LITR 150
- November 7th Safety Training
- CKLA Celebrations: First grade “Human Body” unit

**Board Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** Member C. Murray reminded the members that the next Macomb County School Boards Association dinner meeting will be held at Center Line Public Schools at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday, December 5, 2023.

**Points of Pride:**

**C. Murray:**

- Member Murray said that she thought the *Mamma Mia* play was great. She also enjoyed the art showcase that was displayed in the lobby. She said that parent volunteers helped to make the whole weekend a success.

**S. Wylin:**

- Member Wylin was amazed at the performers in the *Mamma Mia* play. She said it was phenomenal. She is also proud of our Pi Gears who qualified for state champions again and were awarded the “Inspire” award.

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Member Meerschaert gave a shout out to the “Dream Team” (tennis) which includes her son, and another student. This was a great accomplishment. She is also proud of the Armada Pi Gears.

**S. Nieman:**

- Member Nieman gave kudos to a student who collected socks for McRest for his global awareness project. She thought that was a great idea.

**S. Hill:**

- Member Hill was proud of the fact that the tennis team has such a successful season and Coach Fredette won coach of the year for the fifth time in his 58 years as a coach. She also wanted to recognize Mrs. Cecil for her behind the scenes work with the set of the play and the art showcase.

**S. Wolak:**

- Member Wolak is always happy to see the presentation of awards at the meeting.

**A. Blake:**

- Member Blake was impressed with the cross country team going to state finals.

**K. Skokna:**

- Ms. Skokna is proud of Josh Bobek, our high school band and orchestra director, for reviving our lost Alma Mater.

**M. Musary:**

- Mr. Musary is proud of the Conservatory of Arts and Ms. Lia Difonzo for what he thinks was the best play. It was really good!



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education