

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 16, 2021**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, March 16, 2021. The meeting was held in-person in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect St. Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jordan Ackerman.

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

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

School Personnel Present: J. McDevitt

21-33 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Kline, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended. (Bills Payable to be handled separately).

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-34 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the the consent agenda as amended (without the Bills Payable).

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (1)
 - b. February 23, 2021 Special Meeting Minutes (2)
 - c. February 23, 2021 Finance/Contract Committee Meeting Minutes
 - d. February 22, 2021 Building and Site Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Personnel Report: Retirement of Tammye Jantamrian, Title I Aide, effective 6-30-2021

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-35 Motion by S. Kline, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the monthly bills payable in the amount of \$ 319,077.84.

Voice Vote:

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

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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21-36 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, 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.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-37 President, Jordan Ackerman, adjourned the meeting at 8:17 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Kline and supported by E. Cooper.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

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- At Krause Elementary, kindergarten round-up took place last week with "good" numbers. Also, March is reading month and as a school community, Krause students are reading Stuart Little by EB White all month with family reading and activities for each day. The Romeo Area Kiwanis Club purchased a copy of the book for every family in the elementary.
- At the M.S., 6th and 7th grade students are filling out their scheduling requests for the 2021/22 school year. Also, this is Spirit Week with students wearing different themes each day such as green on St. Patrick's Day and Michigan sports team attire for March Madness.
- At the H.S., the 3rd trimester is underway, winter sports are winding down, and the theatre students are rehearsing for a spring play (Puffs) on May 7 – 9. The most recent MDHHS executive order allows for 50% capacity (not to exceed 300) in auditoriums, which is 199 for the AHS auditorium (398 total seats).
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi robotics are at warp speed preparing for their virtual competition called Infinite Recharge competition.
- The winter student count in the district was 1,715 (our fall 2020 count was 1,717).

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

1.) Participation rates were provided as part of the COVID-19 Preparedness and Response Plan that is required to be approved by the board each month. There were no questions from the audience with regard to the plan which will continue to remain without changes.

Participation Rates

District Name: Armada Area Schools									District 50050								
Date of Attendance	NUMBER SCHEDULED							Total	NUMBER ATTENDING							Total	(B) / (A)
	Elem	MS	JACE	HS	HSV	JCEV	HSV		Elem	JACE	HS	HSV	JCEV	HSV			
2/18/2021	725	347	3	483			1558	704	333	1	457			1495	95.9563543		
					109	12	68	189						151	79.89417989		
2/23/2021	725	346	3	483			1557	691	324	1	458			1474	94.66923571		
					109	12	66	189						150	79.36507937		
3/2/2021	721	344	3	483			1551	696	323	1	467			1487	95.87962992		
					109	12	68	189						143	75.66187566		

2.) The Michigan Integrated Continuous Improvement Process (MICIP) was presented which is an integrated approach to school and district improvement.

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MISD Budget Oversight Committee Representative Appointment

S. Niemann agreed to be the Board's appointed representative for the MISD Budget Oversight Committee. The meeting is to be held at the Macomb Intermediate School District at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 22, 2021. C. Murray agreed to be the alternate representative.

Board Reports:

The Student Board of Education Representative, Madisen Ruczynski, was unable to be in attendance but shared the following information as well as her Points of Pride:

- Similar to last month, there has not been a large amount of activity within our student government or clubs. The main focus within the past few days has been directed towards our nature club. I previously mentioned that the members of the nature club started the remodeling of the greenhouse about two months ago. Within the past week or so, the club has designed and voted on a mural that is to be painted on a wall of the greenhouse. The winning mural was designed by Jordan Kryscynski. I do not have the specifics as to where they plan to paint the mural within the greenhouse.

S. Nieman also shared a report from her recent attendance at the Macomb County Legislative Committee meeting last week. To clarify, the following was taken from the weekly **MASB News from the Capitol:**

On Tuesday, Gov. Gretchen Whitmer signed House Bill 4048, the School Aid budget supplemental, as Public Act 3 of 2021. The total budget appropriates all the federal ESSER and GEER dollars that were allocated to Michigan and includes \$170.2 million additional in School Aid Fund dollars. HB 4048 appropriates \$650 million of the ESSER II funding through the Title 1A formula as required by federal law. However, the remaining \$840 million would be appropriated if, and only if, the Governor signed House Bill 4049. This bill states that the Michigan Department of Health & Human Services cannot order a school to close to in-person instruction or prohibit a "qualified sporting event" during the coronavirus pandemic. The bill also includes \$136 million in School Aid Fund dollars to be allocated through a formula that would make sure that each district receives at least \$450 per pupil. This means that if a district does not receive at least \$450 per pupil through the Title 1A allocation, the state allocation would bring the district up to that level.

As expected, the Governor vetoed House Bill 4049. This raises two questions-how the remaining \$840 million will now be dealt with and what can schools expect to receive? The Governor, in signing the bill, called on the Legislature to return to the negotiating table and disburse the remaining money before it leaves on legislative spring break on March 25, 2021. As far as the amount that a district can expect to receive, it will include any amount of equity payment (to reach \$450 per pupil) plus 40% of the federal funding through Title 1A.

While we are pleased to see some of the federal money allocated in December finally flowing to districts, we continue to be frustrated with the process. It is our hope that the Legislature and Gov. Whitmer will reach an agreement to get the remaining funds out to districts before spring break. We urge you to contact your state legislators and explain the need for the funds in a timely manner.

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Old Business: None

New Business: It was discussed that there would be a Superintendent Goals Workshop scheduled before the next regular meeting.

Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Member E. Cooper is proud of the Athletic department for continuing with sports to the best of their ability and for their efforts to keep students safe.

C. Murray:

- Member C. Murray is proud of the Romeo Kiwanis club who purchased a copy of the book, *Stuart Little*, for every family in the elementary school.

M. Meerschaert:

- Member M. Meerschaert is proud of the theatre students for organizing a spring play.

J. Ackerman:

- Member J. Ackerman appreciates the hard work of the Administrators who are involved in the contact tracing when a student is reported as having COVID-19. He knows it is time consuming.

S. Nieman:

- Member S. Nieman is proud of our Student Representative who took the time to send us a written report (as well as her "Point of Pride") when she knew that she would not be able to attend the meeting.

S. Kline:

- Member S. Kline pointed out that the school board members in Florida are paid with benefits, so he is proud of all of the School Board volunteers in Michigan who are doing this for all the right reasons.

A. Blake:

- Member A. Blake said that he was fortunate to sit down with Superintendent Musary (Super Muz) for a podcast. He was able to dive into a view of the education system. He could not be prouder of where the district is at and who is leading us. He is happy to be a part of it.

P. Jankowski:

- Mr. Jankowski is proud of all of the coaches as it has been a difficult year and they have dealt with the students wearing masks and flexibility with schedules among other things. He is also proud of our trainer who recently did a great job handling some of the athletes' injuries swiftly which made the parents happy.

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Student Representative:

- Our Student Representative, M.R. is extremely proud of the Boys Varsity basketball team for their hard work, dedication and teamwork that allowed them to achieve a ranking (#8) within the state

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary continues to be proud of the students and staff and how they have navigated through this past year. It is very impressive and he could not be any prouder.


Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education