

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Tuesday, April 11, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building Board Room**

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, J. Tobey, Alternate C. Murray
Absent: T. Seago
Administrators Present: M. Musary
School Personnel Present: none
Guests Present: Dr. Wayne Peters

The Policy Committee Meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Wayne Peters of NEOLA reviewed fourteen policies from Volume 31, No. 2 and the Commemoration of School Facilities policy, plus replacement policy – ESSA and new policy – Technology Update. The Policy Committee Meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.

Judy Tobey
Secretary

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April 18, 2017

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Krause Elementary School by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey
Absent: T. Seago, Student Representative
Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Sutton, D. Davenport
School Personnel Present: N. Bliss, A. Campbell, J. Dobberowsky, B. Phillion
Guests Present: Various elementary students to assist with the presentation along with their parents.

17 – 24 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 25 Motion by E. Genord, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- March 21, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- April 11, 2017, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,473,558.92
- Personnel Report
 - Resignation of Jessica Norris, Title I Aide, effective May 19, 2017
 - Retirement of Kathy Cryderman, Transportation Supervisor, effective June 30, 2017
 - Leave of Absence of Jessica Schlehber, Elementary Teacher, effective 2017/2018 School Year

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 26 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District Budget.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 27 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 28 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education adjourn the regular Board Meeting at 8:13 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public & Communications

None.

Presentation

Elementary School Update: Principal Sutton and Assistance Principal Davenport along with some of their team provided a Krause Elementary School Update beginning with how things are progressing with the elementary becoming one school once again with highlights around how they have streamlined some processes, change in their K-1 dismissal, and formalized a process for at-risk students with data reviews every six weeks. In addition, staff (Mrs. Bliss & Ms. Dobberowsky) presented information pertaining to their peer mentoring program entitled "Tiger Pals." In this program, students are trained to help some of our autistic or reluctant students to become more social by pairing students up in class, at recess, and lunch. The staff also problem solve with students when issues come up and offer suggestions for how students can improve socially and academically. Their presentation closed with Elementary Teachers Campbell and Phillion talking about Innovation Station and Genius Hour. The concept behind these programs are to allow students time and permission to pursue their own passions or interests for an hour a week, 3rd-5th grade students were then told that they must create something and present it to their class.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Musary provided a quick visual update of various items including photographs of the Armada Fighting Pi as they won the Chairman's Award at the Michigan State Championships for the first time, the Elementary Gym Floor was finished over Spring Break (instead of during the summer months), and the 2017 Billboard Photograph. He also provided the following school updates:

- At the Elementary and Middle School, M-STEP testing began last week and will continue through mid-May.
- At the High School, Shawn Mahfet was selected as a Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Science Ambassador Fellow.
- At MA²S, the Fighting Pi qualified for the World Competition and will be heading to St. Louis, Missouri next week.
- Technology Update – Installation of the sound system at the Elementary School is underway. The Middle School and High School will receive their sound systems in May and June.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski provided the following Curriculum Update:

- **HIGH-TECH HIGH SCHOOL VISIT** — The state legislature sent (and the state covered the costs) a group of people to visit HTH in San Diego as a possible model for Michigan. We attended and presented the Michigan Talent Transcript Project at the HTH Deeper Learning Conference.
- **STUDENT-BASED CHOICE** — Student-Based Choice is the next level of Schools of Choice where students can take any portion of their day through whatever provider. This can be a bonus for destination districts; however, it can cost those districts that do not offer comprehensive programming.
- **GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION AND TALENT SUMMIT** — Kurt Sutton and he will be running a session on Building Strategic Partnerships. They are also planning a committee for awards dinner for annual awardees. Aric Foster and Shawn Mahfet also asked to speak on other panels.
- **NATIONAL CDC SCIENCE AMBASSADOR FELLOWSHIP** — The CDC Science Ambassador Fellowship is the only program of its kind offered by CDEC for teachers and educational leaders interested in bringing public health sciences into current middle- and high- school classrooms. In 2017, CDC's Division of Scientific Education and Professional Development (DSEPD), Career Paths to Public Health, will launch the inaugural Science Ambassador Fellowship, previously known as the Science Ambassador Workshop. This competitive fellowship includes a 5-day summer course at CDC headquarters in Atlanta, Georgia, and a 1-year distance-based professional development opportunity. Shawn Mahfet is the first Michigan winner of this

competitive program.

- **SAT TESTING** — For the second year in a row, the Michigan SAT was leaked on line.
- **M-STEP TESTING** — M-STEP testing has been progressing through the grades. Nancy Couto has been out front of many issues the state has had, which has made for smooth testing.
- **NEW GRADEBOOK TRAINING** — One teacher from each grade level will be participating in new gradebook training May 11th and 12th.
- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** — 1.) Armada High School was 12th or 16th of the top 50 graduation rates. 2.) The students in the statistics class of the Academy (about two thirds) competed in Grand Rapids in an annual competition and we had students that placed first and second.

Reports

Susan Nieman indicated that the Legislative Committee met last Tuesday. She provided various updates of important legislative matters.

Old Business

None

New Business

Cheryl Murray indicated that the last County Board Meeting is next Thursday, April 27th and reservations need to be made before then. She did look up the speaker, Travis Mills, and she mentioned he is a quadriplegic and that all four of his limbs were amputated because he stepped on a IED in Afghanistan. She added that he is a pretty interesting gentleman with humor.

Points of Pride

C. Murray: The 3rd through 5th grade teachers and their support of the Genius Hour as it is really good. She asked that they please be thanked for presenting to us because she certainly did not know that was going on.

S. Nieman: The Armada students. At the ISD budget meeting, they showed a lot of data for districts in the County and Armada was right there at the top every single time and it was really amazing. She added that she is so proud of our students.

E. Genord: Kurt Sutton for his pretty cool idea of having every class in the school read the Pledge over the public announcement system.

M. Meerschaert: Shawn Mahfet for her CDC Science Ambassador recognition as she is such a hard worker and doing such a great job in this program.

J. Tobey: 1.) The Fighting Pi for getting the State Chairman's Award and the Gracious Professionalism Award, which is very awesome. 2.) All of the extra things that are going on at the Elementary School as this is fantastic and she thanked Principal Kurt Sutton.

P. Jankowski: He stated that we always do fairly well academically and recently (being part of this state group). a technology guy came at the end. He was amazed at all of the things that we offer outside of academics that allow kids to express themselves, to have that connection, and get those skills that do not necessarily show up on a report card (but really are things that are going to be quality of life issues) and it does not matter whether it is kindergarten through fifth grade or Middle School or Robotics or HOSA or whatever, we are about well-rounded people and having these programs says a lot.

M. Musary: He thanked and highlighted Kathy Cryderman (she was listed on the Personnel Report) for being an outstanding employee for this district since 1979 and does a lot—she works on the Armada Education Foundation—and has done a lot for our community.

S. Kline: Kurt (Sutton). President Kline stated that the whole idea of building relationships at an early age and teaching kids how to build relationships (like the Tiger Pal thing where you are building relationships), is so

important to build before you actually need them. He added that it is good to see that you are taking that initiative to teach kids how to do that.

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education