

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2020

20-09 Trustee, C. Murray requested a separate vote on the Monthly Bills Payable (Item 2) of the Consent Agenda Items due to a conflict of interest. Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as amended.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6 - 0

20-10 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the the monthly bills payable for a total amount of \$349,958.36.

Voice Vote

Ayes: S. Kline, S. Nieman, J. Tobey, M. Meerschaert, J. Ackerman,

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 5-0

The Board took a short recess and convened the Closed Session in Room #6 at the High School at 8:05 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation process. At 8:35 p.m. the closed session ended.

The Board returned to open session at 8:36 p.m.

20-11 President , Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:37 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Ackerman and supported by M. Meerschaert.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications to be made.

Presentations:

- Teachers, Rob Blume and Jason Hundey, were presented with a certificate in recognition of their National Board Certification.
- Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate. The high school choir, led by Rachel Ulinski, provided additional entertainment.

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- (a brief recess was called)
- High School Principal, Kelly Skokna, provided an update on the High School.
 - Accountability Index: Armada Scored #1 in Macomb County and in BWAC
 - All test results are trending upward
 - What's New in 2019-2020:
 - Courses such as Small Engines, Intro to Baking, and Culinary I
 - Weight room
 - New teachers, Mr. Rose, History, Mrs. Gizzi, Math, and Ms. Short, Science
 - Mrs. Norrod, Career Navigator, and XELLO (replaces Career Cruising)
 - Grading
 - Working Lunch
 - Monthly Parent Group Meetings
 - Armada continues to improve the following:
 - Interventions: Math Assist, Support Room
 - Student Assistance Team Meetings
 - Advisory Groups
 - MakerSpace Development
 - Kagan Training
 - Restorative Practices
 - Armada High School has many Points of Pride which are: the counseling department and their college visits and FAFSA presentations, National Honor Society inducted 49 new members, Thespian Superior and Excellence awards as well as scholarship offers of more than \$500,000, Business Professionals of America earning 21 medals at regionals.
 - Areas of growth in which Armada Schools will continue to improve are: common grading practices, competency-based education practices, and feedback and assessment.
 - Upcoming events: Snowcoming, STUCO kindness week, curriculum night, scheduling spring testing on April 14th, and senior festivities.
- It is also School Board recognition month and members were presented with a Michigan Association of School Board certificate and an Armada "spirit wear" jacket.

Superintendent's Report :

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At the elementary, the Detroit Lions organization had an assembly encouraging our students to be Leaders for Life and live a healthy lifestyle. The Lions mascot, Roary, was on hand.
- At the M.S., the Student Council brought in over 2,500 canned food items for the needy over the holidays. In addition, the NJHS made 30 blankets which were dropped off at the Family Youth Interventions in Mount Clemens which specializes in working with homeless youth.
- At the H.S., the Business Professionals of America (BPA) students brought home 21 medals from Regionals – these students will move on to the State Finals. Payton Miller received a perfect

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score at the MSVMA Solo and Ensemble Festival and has been invited to the State Festival in April. Madisen Ruczynski and Paige Drob received awards from the Society of Women Engineers.

- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi are gearing up for their first competition at Macomb Community College on February 27-29, 2020.

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

- Marshall Plan Funding Opportunities
- Staff Coaching and Workshops - 3 days /month
 - ½ day with counselors for career pathway and XELLO development
 - ½ day with CTE teachers working on pathway and standards development
 - 1.5 days - ½ day at each building providing individual or PLC coaching
 - 1 day in workshops with teachers and administrators (typically Saturday)
- Using research and data to develop a better curriculum and grading process
 - An in depth explanation was provided regarding standards based grading
- Maker Spaces are launching

Board Reports:

Sue Nieman attended a Legislative Committee meeting recently:

- Governor Whitmer will be giving her State of the State address on January 29, 2020.
 - She is looking to repeal the third grade reading retention law
- There is a top 10 in 10 strategic education plan survey on the MDE website if you would like to provide input.
- There will be an upcoming leadership dinner at the MISD on Thursday, April 23, 2020

Old Business:

None

New Business:

C. Murray reminded the board members about the Macomb county School Boards Association dinner that Armada Area Schools will be hosting on Tuesday, January 28, 2020.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Proud of Mr. Rose and the 800 holiday cards his students made and distributed to kids in hospitals

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C. Murray:

- Proud of the high school staff who continue to learn and improve their craft and congratulations to Jason Hundey and Rob Blume on achieving their National Board status.

M. Meerschaert:

- Liked the kindness chain made by the National Honor Society and Student Council as it boosts moral

J. Ackerman

- Proud of the strong academics and the BWAC success as well as the great leadership

S. Nieman

- Attended a music education conference in Grand Rapids and one of Armada's alumni performed with his band and was really good, so our alumni are out there promoting Armada

S. Kline:

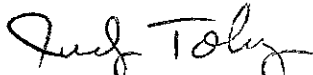
- Proud of Cheryl Murray for her years of service, service as President of the board, service as Vice President of the board, and for stepping down and giving the next generation the experience to replace the older generation.

P. Jankowski:

- Proud of the school board and its support for administrators and staff who are constantly moving in new directions to do better than they have done
- Proud to have the administrators work with our teachers and teachers that come in over winter break who are willing to stretch above and beyond
- To have a school board who supports all of this shows in our success in all levels across the community

M. Musary:

- Proud of our maintenance staff as we had a leak in one of our pipes at the high school last Sunday and they did such a prenominal job that you cannot even tell it happened
- Mr. Musary echoed Phil with the appreciation of the school board. He went on to say that he feels we are a community where Superintendent, School Board, staff, parents and community all partner together. We are a model of what it should be for school education and if a lot of districts were like us, they would be successful.
- He is also proud to see that there is over a decade of experience and success for five of the board members, and Michele has five years already. He indicated that Jordan has completed one year and will get there soon but told him to "stay young".


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education