

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2019**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Krause Elementary School located at 23900 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, T. Seago-Fry, J. Tobey, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, Student Representative, Taylor Chambers

Absent:

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, K. Sutton, D. Davenport, K. Bruyneel

School Personnel Present:

Guests Present: Student of the Month and Principal's award recipients and their family members.

19-15 Motion by C. Murray, supported by T. Seago-Fry that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 7-0

19-16 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 15, 2019 (Regular/Organizational Meeting)
 - b. January 15, 2019 (Closed Session)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the total amount of \$364,816.52
3. Personnel Report
 - New hire, Carol Marcat, Playground/Noon Aide at Krause, effective 1-22-19
 - New hire, Amanda Zienert, Playground/noon aide at Krause, effective 2-19-19
 - Resignation, Lauren Fenton, Lead Childcare, effective 2-14-19
 - Resignation, Dawn Turner, Elementary Cafeteria Aide, effective 2-13-19

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 7-0

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19-17 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to amend the 2018/2019 General Fund Budget as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7-0

19-18 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education supports Joshua Denzler for MASB Board of Directors.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7-0

19-19 President , Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:30 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey and supported by J. Ackerman.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications to be made.

Presentations:

- Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Armada High School and Middle School and the Krause Elementary students who were recipients of the Principal's award. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate.
- Krause Elementary School Principal, Kurt Sutton, and Assistant Principal, Dan Davenport, provided an update on the Elementary School. Katie Bruyneel, Early Childhood Programs Supervisor, also spoke about the Five Star Preschool
 - Learning Expeditions involves each grade developing projects with driving questions. It is engaging and encourages community connections. It helps the students transition to competency based learning.
 - #Celebrate Monday is a culture structure in which people are cared for and celebrated. It elevates students and educators and starts them off with a positive week.

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- Literacy Essentials involves working toward balanced literacy format. There is monthly staff training by the Macomb Intermediate School District (MISD)
- Summit Learning has expanded to the entire 5th grade in the subjects of science, social studies and math. Office hours are provided where students can come in to catch up, use the internet, or ask for extra help. There is project time and mentoring where a student can spend one on one time with a teacher.
- Five Star Preschool was awarded to Armada Area Schools. The Early Childhood program added the Great Start Readiness Program (GSRP), a state funded preschool, last year. The entire preschool program including every classroom was awarded the 5-Star rating and it is the only program in Macomb to earn this. There are currently 106 preschool students.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause elementary, the talent show is Wednesday (Feb. 20) night at 6:00 pm in the cafeteria.
- The M.S. had their talent show auditions on February 7th. The MS talent show will take place on March 28th at 7:00 pm in the HS auditorium.
- The H.S. music program earned Division 1 ratings in 15 categories at the MSBOA District XVI Solo & Ensemble Festival (most in school history). Twenty one high school students have qualified for the State Festival (9 of them in multiple categories).
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi robotics team has their first competition on February 28 - March 2 at Oscar A. Carlson H.S. in Gibraltar.
- In HS varsity athletics, the MHSAA playoffs are underway in several sports. Two AHS wrestlers did well at Regionals this past weekend and qualified for the MHSAA Division 3 Individual State Finals in Detroit on March 1 & 2 – sophomore Brennan McClelland (103, 47-2) and senior Nathan Nowik (215, 38-3). The AHS Competitive Cheer team had a top 4 finish at Districts and heads to the 12-team MHSAA Division 3 Regional competition 6:00 pm this Saturday (Feb. 23) in Grand Blanc. The girls varsity bowling team earned a co-championship in the BWAC. Both the girls and boys bowling teams participate in the MHSAA D3 Bowling Regionals on Friday & Saturday (Feb. 22-23) at Strikers. On Monday (Feb. 25), the boys varsity basketball team plays in a MHSAA Division 2 District game vs. Croswell-Lexington at 6:00 pm in Almont.
- The district has had 10 snow days this school year so far. We are allowed six snow days to be forgiven and can request an additional 3 days. The district has requested 3 additional days and the State has granted us three additional forgive days. Therefore, at this time we have to make up one day which will most likely be at the end of the school year moving the last school day to Friday, June 14th.

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

- The Marshall Plan - Armada received its first \$675,000 of funding. We are developing a district steering committee to manage initiatives.
- Health and Human Services Pathway - Armada has secured equipment from Grosse Pointe Farms Fire Department for our Fire Academy. Medical Assisting Training for our staff is scheduled for March 8, 2019 at Macomb Community College.
- Information Technology Pathway- Armada Area Schools is aligning classes to offer full complement of CISCO programs. CISCO programs provide education, technical training and career mentorship to students. More course offerings are being created for Middle School students, as well as a computer science program (Raspberry Pi) for elementary students.
- Advanced Manufacturing Pathway - We will be sending groups of teachers out to explore maker spaces for ideas. We will also be seeking input from business partners on industry problems/design challenges we can use as a foundation for programs.
- Construction/Industrial Equipment Pathway-Phil visited the Michigan CAT today with the Marshall Plan partners to take a tour and understand the need. We are looking to develop program pathways like michiganconstruction.org and MC3 Certificate pre-apprenticeship programs. The goal is to get MDE to adopt it as a CTE program.
- Preliminary State Report Card Rankings - Although the rankings are embargoed until February 22nd, the report looks promising.
- Second School Safety Training - Additional ALICE training will take place on February 22, 2019 using advanced scenarios.

Board Reports

Member Susan Nieman shared a list of Foundation Grant winners. Twenty five thousand dollars was allocated and that much was awarded in various grants to teachers. There were many great ideas

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative :

Recent Events:

- The high school student council is starting their annual kindness week this week and they are encouraging students to soar above negativity.
- The healthy vending machine was a big hit today at school and there was a line of students eager to use it.
- The competitive cheer team finished in the top 4 at districts and qualified for regionals.
- A current junior student that is very involved in theatre and thespian was voted to become a State Thespian Officer.
- Winter guard earned 1st place at the regional competition.
- PLT teamed up with the varsity basketball team and played in order to defeat not only Richmond, but cancer. They were able to set a new record with the amount of money raised at the pasta dinner.

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Old Business:

None

New Business:

Member Michele Meerschaert wanted to know if something could be done to help the students in the AP classes stay on course when there have been so many snow days. It was discussed that teachers could text or e-mail additional assignments and that some may already be doing that.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Enjoyed the presentation about Krause Elementary and the Five Star Preschool Program
- Congratulated Mike and Anne Becker on their new baby

C. Murray:

- Impressed with Katie and the Five Star Preschool. Excited to see the continued progress with improved enrollment in kindergarten

M. Meerschaert:

- Happy to hear that a third grade elementary student sold duct tape pens to raise money for the Children's Heart Foundation

J. Ackerman

- Proud of Five Star Preschool. His daughter is in the program and doing well
- Impressed with the fine work Principal Sutton and Assistant Principal Davenport are doing
- This is his second meeting as part of the board and he thinks they all do a great job by asking the tough questions, getting out there and interacting and showing respect for each other as a board

T. Seago-Fry

- Proud of all of the things that are going on with the curriculum

P. Jankowski:

- Proud of Donna McCollom and Andrew Pfeifle who have helped with the Fire Academy
- Thankful to the people that attended Michigan CAT with him for the Marshall Plan
- Proud of Katie and the preschool program.

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S. Kline

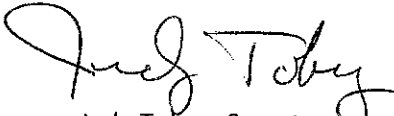
- Shout out to Katie for the Five Star Preschool program
- Thankful to be part of the evaluation process for Mr. Musary

M. Musary:

- Proud of the music program. Mr. Bobek had minimal time to practice due to snow days and his students still ended up doing very well at Festival

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative:

- Proud of the Five Star Preschool Program and the fact that the elementary school is embracing the students' curiosity and kindness and building their confidence to explore their culture


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education