

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
April 19, 2011

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room by President Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, L. Riggs, T. Seago, J. Tobey, R. Wandel, N. Kirksey (student rep.)
Absent: None
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, M. Redd, P. Paxton, M. Foster, R. Caporuscio, D. Barr, K. Pace, T. Mastrogiacomo, M. Lewis, E. Barbret, L. Hurd, C. Szalay, L. Saunders, D. Wagner, K. Pace, N. Moegle, J. Lee
Guests Present: Kathie Stork, Alecia Yaklin, John Paterek, Matt Fahr

- 11- 24 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Kline, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as modified: Add "H. Resolution Opposing School Aid Fund Transfer to Higher Education (Staff Report #1a)" after I.G.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 25 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by T. Seago, that per the Superintendent's request, the Board of Education meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. The meeting will take place in the Administration Building Board Room prior to approving Staff Report #6.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 26 C. Murray requested a separate vote on the monthly bills (part of consent agenda). Motion by J. Tobey, supported by L. Riggs, to approve the March Board meeting minutes and Personnel Report.

Personnel Report

- appointment of Mark Carlson, JV tennis coach, effective the 2010-11 school year
- resignation of Julie Reidt, childcare lead, effective March 18, 2011

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 27 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by T. Seago, to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$1,487,805.57.

Ayes: S. Kline, S. Nieman, L. Riggs, T. Seago, J. Tobey, R. Wandel
Nays: None
Abstain: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED

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- 11- 28 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Armada Board of Education approve a resolution encouraging Governor Snyder to reconsider his proposal to reduce state aid for public school districts along with realigning the school aid fund to include colleges and universities. The resolution was modified to change “operating funds” to “operating millage.”

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 29 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the resolution in support and approval of the Macomb Intermediate School District budget for the next fiscal year.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 30 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Kline, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing Armada’s Child Care Program to operate with a waiver from the Department of Human Services – Office of Children and Adult Licensing.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 31 Motion by S. Kline, supported by L. Riggs, that the Armada 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

- 11- 32 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by T. Seago, that the Armada Board of Education approve the resolution honoring Armada Times reporter Matt Fahr and his resulting appointment to the Michigan Association of School Board’s 2011 Media Honor Roll.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Board Room at 8:45 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation. At 10:20 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

- 11- 33 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by R. Wandel, that the Armada Board of Education approve the Superintendent’s evaluation as presented and extend the Superintendent’s contract by one year.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 34 Motion by S. Kline, supported by T. Seago, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 10:22 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Presentations

Kathie Stork (ArtMada coordinator) presented Certificates of Appreciation to the art department, drama department and Armada Area Schools for participation in the ArtMada festival on March 26.

Board President Cheryl Murray presented Matt Fahr (Armada Times reporter) with a certificate honoring him for his exemplary reporting of school activities and nominating him for MASB's 2011 Media Honor Roll.

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kummerow attended the Teacher of the Year banquet at the Macomb Intermediate School District last Thursday evening.
- Armada's robotic team, the Fighting Pi, by receiving the Entrepreneurship Award, qualified for the national competition in St. Louis.
- Armada's Middle Academy of Arts & Sciences and Later Elementary Project STEM each won an MASB Education Excellence Award and are in contention for the "best program in the state" award.
- Last Friday, Phil Jankowski, Patti Paxton, Kurt Sutton and Dr. Kummerow presented on evaluations at the Best Practices conference in Lansing.
- On Wednesday, state Superintendent Mike Flanagan will be visiting our district. He will tour the buildings and meet with the Board, principals, community members, and area superintendents.
- On April 25, Phil Jankowski, Kurt Sutton and Dr. Kummerow will be presenting at the Governor' Education Summit in Lansing.
- Dr. Kummerow is soliciting community sponsors for the Adopt a Garden program. Participants will be responsible for maintaining a designated garden area in the district.
- Armada is initiating a Preschool Advanced Academic program for advanced children too young to enter kindergarten. This program is tuition-based and may allow the child to enter first grade upon completion.
- Armada was one of the top achievers in the county on the MEAP scores with ranking first in five areas and second in two areas.

Board Reports

- Neva Kirksey (student rep.) reported on high school activities.
- Ron Wandel updated the Board on legislative issues discussed at the MASB/MASA joint legislative conference in Lansing on March 16.

Points of Pride

N. Kirksey – Proud of the junior class for fundraising and planning for the prom.

S. Kline – Craig and Judy Tobey for the time and effort they spend mentoring the robotics team.

S. Nieman – The administrators (Bill Zebelian, Elsie Ritzenhein and Kurt Sutton) for taking their time and effort in completing the applications for the MASB Education Excellence awards.

R. Wandel – Superintendent Flanagan visiting Armada Schools to see what we have to offer.

J. Tobey – Rich Wahl for writing up the nominations for candidates on the robotics team to be on the dean's list (Rachel Goubert this year). Also, the robotics team qualified for the national competition.

T. Seago – The teachers and administrators who worked on the multi-measure teacher evaluation framework. Also, thanks to the community for helping out our school district.

L. Riggs – The Armada Continuing Education program facilitated by Don Holston and the number of completers in Armada (7) compared to other districts with more students.

A. Kummerow – Proud of the association leadership volunteering to work on the new evaluation system.

C. Murray – Parents working on Project Graduation. Also the four students who gave demonstrations in the energy lab at the Saturday morning Board workshop.

Susan Nieman
Secretary