

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES  
December 15, 2009

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery by President Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Nieman, L. Riggs, T. Seago, J. Tobey, R. Wandel, H. Waterstraat  
(alternate student rep.)  
Absent: G. Winne  
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary  
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, L. Saunders, J. Bovenschen, D. Mitchell, C. Szalay, P. Lillie,  
M. Foster, K. Rawlings, A. Foster  
Guests Present: Matt Fahr, Taylor Krause

09- 41 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as modified:  
Move II.B. Teacher Severance Program to III.F.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

09- 42 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by R. Wandel, that, per the Superintendent's request, the Board of Education meet in Executive Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The meeting will take place in the Administration Building Staff Development Room prior to ratifying the Teachers' Association contract.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

09- 43 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by J. Tobey, that the Armada Area Schools Board of Education approve the attached resolution to change its regular school election date from annually in May to annually in November.

Ayes: C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago, J. Tobey  
Nays: L. Riggs, R. Wandel  
MOTION PASSED

09- 44 Motion by T. Seago, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

– November 17, 2009 regular meeting minutes  
– November 17, 2009 Executive Session minutes  
– Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,553,889.38  
–appointment of Taryne Kavanagh, 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball coach (replacing Heather Kosmowski)

Ayes: All  
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

09- 45 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the attached Annual Summer Tax resolution which allows the district to collect 50% of its taxes in the summer of 2010.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

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The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Staff Development Room at 7:50 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 8:22 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

- 09- 46 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by R. Wandel, that the Armada Area Schools Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Education Association MEA-NEA Local 1 for a two-year contract beginning September 1, 2009 and ending August 31, 2011.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 47 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by J. Tobey, that the Armada Area Schools Board of Education approve a retirement incentive offer for teachers who are eligible to retire and are actively employed in our school district for the 2009-2010 school year. The severance package will equal \$30,000 payable in three annual installments of \$10,000 commencing after July 1, 2010.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 48 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by T. Seago, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:27 p.m.

Ayes: All  
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

#### Superintendent's Report

- The Project ReImagine team went to Lansing on December 8 for a meeting.
- Governor Granholm announced the \$127 reduction in state aid per pupil has been placed on hold however the money to cover this could result in a \$600 per student reduction next year.
- Several teachers are needed to participate in the Teacher Severance Incentive program to avoid lay-offs this school year.

#### Board Reports

Haley Waterstraat (alternate Student Rep.) reported on the high school holiday activities.

#### Points of Pride

- J. Tobey: Proud of how the Board handled the election date discussion (no one upset and no hard feelings).  
T. Seago: The article in the Armada Times about Armada Schools. Also, the second graders' old-fashioned Yankee Doodle Dandy concert with costumes made by moms and grandmothers.  
L. Riggs: Teachers pushing students to develop basic skills for college preparation.  
A. Kummerow: Proud of our logo "Over 100 Years of Caring" as evidenced by Project Care and the services that our district and staff provide in helping the less fortunate.  
R. Wandel: The middle and high school vocal concert, a quality performance directed by Keenan Thomason and Gwen Beskin.  
S. Nieman: Mr. Musary in negotiating the three bargaining unit contracts, the 20 teachers who submitted AEF grants, and the Armada bus in the lighted Christmas parade led by Kathy Cryderman.  
H. Waterstraat: Proud of the events at the high school and Academy and the support by volunteers.  
C. Murray: Spirit of community service that our staff fosters in our students teaching them to be upstanding citizens of our community. Also, the school floats that were in the Lighted Parade.

Susan Nieman  
Secretary