

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 17, 2009

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:03 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences Gallery by President Gail Winne.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Nieman, L. Riggs, T. Seago, V. Wolber, R. Wandel, G. Winne, J. Kaltz (student rep.)
Absent: None
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, D. Barr, K. Krause, M. Lewis, A. Foster, K. Krause Harmon, S. Galloway, D. Wagner, P. Lillie, N. Moegle
Guests Present: Judy Tobey, Matt Fahr

08- 54 Motion by C. Murray, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

08- 55 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 prior to adjournment.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

08- 56 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

– February 17, 2009 regular meeting minutes
– Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,319,979.79.

Personnel Report

– appointment of Jason Moore, MS wrestling coach (25%)
– appointment of Aric Foster, MS wrestling coach (75%)
– appointment of Ralph Capaldi, JV baseball coach

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

08- 57 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by V. Wolber, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the district to borrow up to \$1,108,842 from the Michigan Department of Treasury School Loan Revolving Fund to cover the May 1, 2009 principal and interest payments for the 2002 Refunding, 2005 Refunding, 2005 Debt, and 2007 Refunding bonds.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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08- 58 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by T. Seago, that the Armada Board of Education approve the priority list of sinking fund projects for the 2009-2010 school year.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

08- 59 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Armada Board of Education accept Southern Bleacher Company's bid in the amount of \$152,555 for the renovation of the district's football stadium bleachers as described.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

08- 60 Motion by C. Murray, supported by R. Wandel, that the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the Board of Education's Policy Manual recommended policy changes.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Board Room at 8:25 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. At 9:20 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

08- 61 Motion by V. Wolber, supported by T. Seago, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:25 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- Performances for the high school musical "Once Upon a Mattress" are April 3 & 4 at 7:00 p.m. and April 5 at 3:00 p.m. A fundraiser for the drama department is being held at the Shelby Creek Chili's on Wednesday, March 18 from 5 to 8 p.m.
- For the first time in over 40 years, the boys' basketball team clinched the BWAC League championship. They lost to Notre Dame Prep. in the district finals. The girls' basketball team made it through two semi-finals.
- Our robotics team competed at Flint Kettering High School. They will be going to Grand Valley to compete next weekend. A spaghetti fundraiser for the robotics team will be held at the Lions Hall on Saturday.
- The high school band received a "1" rating overall at a recent band festival that qualifies them to compete at the state level. The middle school band and orchestra also competed last weekend with improved ratings over last year.
- Armada Schools is applying for a \$5.5 million state grant for an energy initiative. We requested \$1.7 million to construct two wind turbines north of the high school, funds to connect the wind turbine to the school science labs for student research on green power and funds for the Building Trades class to build an energy-efficient home.
- Dr. Kummerow reviewed the very positive results from the Community Survey.

Board Reports

Ron Wandel reported on the Legislative Conference in Lansing he attended with Dr. Kummerow. He also reported on the county legislative meeting he recently attended.

Student representative Jessica Kaltz provided an update on high school activities.

Sue Nieman reported on the recent Armada Educational Foundation meeting she attended.

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Points of Pride

- Tami Seago: Efforts of the grant team in getting the grant submitted. Also, the two volunteers who cleaned the wrestling mats and cut them for a proper fit.
- Vince Wolber: The hard work of the grant team to submit the grant in such a short time.
- Lori Riggs: Collaboration of the team in pursuing the energy grant.
- Dr. Kummerow: Proud of our staff, students, athletic teams, fine arts organization, etc. for their recent accomplishments.
- Gail Winne: Teaching staff, especially at the Elementary, for the great job they're doing.
- Ron Wandel: Proud of our fans (students and adults) and their big turnouts, specifically at basketball games.
- Sue Nieman: Dr. Kummerow for pursuing the energy grant, the MASB Education Excellence Awards, and \$5,000 from MASB-LTF. Also, for his time and attendance at student events.
- Cheryl Murray: Proud of our sports fans, the volunteers who worked on the survey and our staff (second-to-none in the county).
- Jessica Kaltz: Proud of the high school basketball team (beat Richmond).

Susan Nieman
Secretary