

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 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, J. Tobey, R. Wandel,
N. Kirksey (student rep.)
Absent: T. Seago
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, M. Redd, P. Paxton, D. Sparling, C. Vrzovski, K. Cmarik,
A. Foster, M. Foster
Guests Present: Mike Messina

11- 18 Motion by S. Kline, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
MOTION PASSED

11- 19 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, 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 adjournment.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
MOTION PASSED

11- 20 C. Murray requested a separate vote on the monthly bills (part of consent agenda). Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Kline, to approve the February Board meeting minutes.

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

11- 21 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by L. Riggs, to approve the monthly bills in the amount of \$1,385,832.74.

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

11- 22 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Armada Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the district to borrow up to \$1,390,828 from the Michigan Department of Treasury School Loan Revolving Fund to cover the May 1, 2011 principal and interest payments for the 2002 Refunding, 2005 Refunding, 2005 Debt, and 2007 Refunding bonds.

Ayes: All
Nays: None
MOTION PASSED

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

11- 23 Motion by S. Kline, supported by S. Nieman, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:46 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kummerow announced that Lenora Saunders (Krause Elementary Teacher of the Year) was named Macomb County Elementary Teacher of the Year.
- On April 15 our evaluation committee will be presenting in Lansing at a Department of Education conference on unique evaluation programs.
- A Board workshop will be held on Saturday, March 26 (same day as ArtMada) from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the high school media center to update the Board on our high school programs, MEAP cut scores and SC4 partnership.
- Armada students will dress in costumes of famous artists and have their art displayed at the township hall for the ArtMada festival on March 26.
- St. Clair County Community College (SC4) will be using the former preschool classrooms near the Academy area for the early college program next fall. The wing will be called the Armada Advanced Learning Center.
- State Superintendent Mike Flanagan will be visiting Armada on April 20. County and neighboring superintendents have been invited to meet with him.
- The first round of the NWEA (Northwest Evaluation Assessment) testing has been completed.
- The high school orchestra received a 1st Division rating at the recent festival (first in the history of the district) and will be going to the state competition.

Board Reports

- Neva Kirksey (student rep.) reported on high school activities.
- Ron Wandel updated the Board on legislative issues discussed at the county legislative meeting and FRN conference in Lansing.

Points of Pride

J. Tobey: Proud of our robotics team – they mentored the Romeo team that won the Rookie Team award and took first place at a Waterford competition.

L. Riggs: Bus drivers for the great job they did handling the icy roads recently.

S. Kline: At the Miss Armada Pageant, three cast members from the upcoming high school play performed and were really good (the play will probably be outstanding).

S. Nieman: The 15 high school ladies competing at the Miss Armada Pageant were outstanding – very poised and enthusiastic. Alyson Kline (Scott's daughter) was first runner-up.

R. Wandel: Our Superintendent's efforts in meeting politicians and developing relationships with them and others which has helped our district.

A. Kummerow: Grateful for our staff and Board for their support during these challenging times for him and his wife.

C. Murray: Jason Hundey and Tim Woelkers for taking a group of students to a PAL leadership weekend (lifeguard training) to prepare for PAL camp this summer.

Susan Nieman
Secretary