

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2011

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:04 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery by President Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, L. Riggs, T. Seago, J. Tobey, R. Wandel
Absent: N. Kirksey (student rep.)
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary, M. Gosciewski
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, L. Leyrer, M. Lewis, A. Foster, M. Foster, R. Caporuscio,
J. Bovenschen, D. Johnson, L. Saunders, C. Mizuki, D. Barr, J. Bates,
C. Trombly, M. Rourke, L. Hurd, M. Carlson, C. Connery, K. Goulette,
C. Szalay, J. Bigelow, J. Walker, R. Howell, J. Lee, D. Wagner, C. Vrzovski,
J. McCleary
Guests Present: Rachel Goubert, Elizabeth Ulinski Sarah Doering, Emily Herbert, Jacob
Davis, Kaitlyn Clough, Taylor Krause, Kaitlyn Bushbaker, Christoffer
Sehling, Ashten Lindeman, John & Laura Davis, Daren & Linda Krause,
Denice Lindeman, Kathleen Doering

- 11- 38 Motion by T. Seago, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as modified: Add "III.E. Contract Ratification – Armada Education Association (Staff Report #4).

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 39 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by S. Kline, 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 Board Room prior to approving Staff Report #4.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 40 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

- April 19, 2011 regular meeting minutes
- April 19, 2011 executive session minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$3,802,429.27.

Personnel Report

- retirement of Paul Abraham, MS assistant principal, effective June 9, 2011

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 41 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education support Jason Davidson as a candidate to fill one of two vacancies on the ISD board.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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11- 42 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education support Max McCullough as a candidate to fill the second of two vacancies on the ISD Board.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

11- 43 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the ISD resolution designating Sue Nieman as representative (Ron Wandel, alternate) for the ISD election and directing the representative to vote for Jason Davidson and Max McCullough to fill the two vacant seats.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

11- 44 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Policy Committee.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board took a short recess and convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Board Room at 8:06 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 8:41 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

11- 45 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by R. Wandel, that the Armada Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Education Association MEA NEA Local 1 for a two-year contract beginning September 1, 2011 and ending August 31, 2013.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

11- 46 Motion by T. Seago, supported by J. Tobey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:45 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Presentations

President Cheryl Murray presented token gifts to Armada's Teachers of the Year: Lenora Saunders (elementary), Jackie McCleary (middle school) and Joanne Bates (high school); and a special gift to Lenora Saunders (Macomb County Elementary Teacher of the Year).

Paul Abraham (retiring as middle school assistant principal) was honored by the Board for over 37 years of service.

The Board presented the Top Ten Scholars of the class of 2011 with certificates and engraved paperweights.

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Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kummerow asked for a moment of silence in memory of Ken Goike.
- Ron Wandel and Dr. Kummerow attended the MASB Awards presentation in Lansing. Armada received two of three 2011 Education Excellence awards in math and science for Project STEM and AMA²S. We received a \$300 check for each program and will be receiving road signs advertising the award.
- Adopt A Garden: Five of six gardens at the elementary, four of nine at the high school, and two of six at the middle school are adopted. We could still use more volunteers.
- Crittenton Hospital Foundation is in the process of providing a \$40,000 grant for Armada's preschool program.
- We are two weeks away from the legislators' self-imposed May 31 budget deadline. The state government has enough revenue to stop the raid on the school aid fund. Tell your lawmakers to use the surplus revenue to restore the promise of Proposal A and offset the unnecessary cuts to K-12 education.

Points of Pride

S. Kline – Girls' soccer team (currently ranked 10th in the state). Also, the top ten students recognized tonight and their families. Students take advantage of the good educational opportunities we provide and make us proud.

S. Nieman – Mr. Sutton for writing/receiving a grant for an outdoor classroom. Dr. Kummerow, Mr. Jankowski and Mr. Sutton did an outstanding job presenting at the Governor's Education Summit. Thank you to the Democrats and six Republications (including Rep. Andrea LaFontaine) who voted against the education cuts.

R. Wandel – MASB awards recognizing Armada for its outstanding programs. Also, the positive comments about Armada from the Region 8 MASB board member who is also a L'Anse Creuse board member.

J. Tobey – Robotics team ranked 11th out of 88 teams in their division (approx. 35th out of 4,000 in the world).

Rep. LaFontaine was invited to the end-of-year banquet. Also, proud of the students attending the prom for keeping it safe.

T. Seago – Proud of the teachers and all they do. Also, Mike Musary for being proactive in negotiating a teachers' contract.

L. Riggs – Kay Rawlings and her second graders who wrote letters to the MCREST men staying at the Congregational Church; some students became pen-pals.

C. Murray – Scholarship night and the staff that organized it and members of our community who believe in our students and support them financially. Also, the students involved with the Fair Acres Senior Prom.

A. Kummerow – Proud of our counselors at the high school that brought in over \$1.3 million in scholarships (plus those coming from U of M). Also, Phil Jankowski is presenting at a conference in Chicago on teacher evaluations.

Susan Nieman
Secretary