

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
November 17, 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, G. Winne
Absent: None
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary, K. Sutton
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, D. Barr, M. Lewis, D. Wagner, J. Lee, L. Saunders, J. Bovenschen, C. Connery, D. Johnson, C. Szalay, P. Lillie, M. Foster, M. Seaton, N. Moegle
Guests Present: Michael Frawley and Carl Petzold (Yeo & Yeo), Dawn Urban, James Bell and son Ziggy, Scott Jacob and son Riley, Ryan Riggs

- 09- 34 Motion by T. Seago, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as modified: Add III.B. Public School Funding Resolution, Staff Report #4; move II.A. Later Elementary Robotics Team to I.E. 2. under Superintendent's Report.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 35 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Armada Area Schools Board of Education accept the 2008-2009 audit report as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 36 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by J. Tobey, 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 adjournment.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 37 Motion by T. Seago, supported by G. Winne, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

- October 20, 2009 regular meeting minutes
- October 20, 2009 Executive Session minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$2,124,953.47.

Personnel Report – appointment of following coaches for the 2009-10 school year:

- Heather Kosmowski, 8th grade volleyball coach
- Nikki Kulka, 7th grade volleyball coach
- Lane Hurd, JV boys' basketball coach
- Garrett Szydoski, freshmen boys' basketball coach
- Mark Zarate, 8th grade boys' basketball coach
- Kyle Kilpatrick, 7th grade boys' basketball coach
- Chris Pollock, freshmen girls basketball coach
- David Green, JV wrestling coach

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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09- 38 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by G. Winne, that the Board of Education approve Page Hardware Supply as the vendor to provide exterior doors at a cost not to exceed \$181,950.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

09- 39 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Armada Area Schools Board of Education approve the enclosed resolution encouraging our governor and legislature to immediately find revenues necessary to reduce potentially disastrous cuts for this school year and to focus on the structural issues that plague the financing of public education in Michigan.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Staff Development Room at 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 9:57 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

09- 40 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by J. Tobey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 10:05 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- There will be a public hearing prior to our regular December Board meeting to discuss moving the Board elections to November.
- The middle school robotics team was the grand champion at a competition this past weekend.
- Dr. Kummerow showed a PowerPoint presentation on the Project ReImagine grant. Armada was one of 13 districts selected (out of 71) to move on to the next phase.
- Several realtors from seven different agencies attended our Realtors' Luncheon. They were very impressed with our school district.
- A recent article in the Free Press showing Armada as having the highest administrative costs was misleading because it included non-personnel costs, legal fees, audit fees, etc. The actual administrator salary costs are much lower (approximately 7 percent with benefits).

Presentation

Kurt Sutton briefed the Board on the Later Elementary robotics team. Parent Scott Jacob and his son Riley demonstrated the robot.

Michael Frawley and Carl Petzold (Yeo & Yeo) presented the 2008-09 audit results.

Board Reports

Sue Nieman distributed copies of a summary of bond expenditures showing the district spent \$27 million from the \$25 million bond due to interest earned. Sue handed out information on the MCSBA Legislative Committee meeting in Washington D.C.

Sue Nieman stated the Armada Education Foundation met on November 12. Teachers are encouraged to submit grants by December 5 (a total of \$15,000 will be awarded January 7).

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Cheryl Murray, Sue Nieman and Lori Riggs attended the MASB Fall Conference. Sue distributed a summary of events.

Tami Seago reported on the recent Policy Committee meeting. A new policy regarding communication devices needs to be addressed.

Sidonie Shuler (student rep.) reported on upcoming high school holiday activities: a Santa breakfast is planned; NHS is organizing a prom for residents at the nursing home; donations are being collected for Christmas.

Points of Pride

S. Shuler: Thank you to the parent volunteers who work with the robotics team and coach the hometown football league.

G. Winne: Parent who took pictures at Grandparents' Day for a nice keepsake.

S. Nieman: Armada's extracurricular activities for students (sports, music, fine arts, and robotics). Boys' tennis team, boys' cross-country team and band program were outstanding.

R. Wandel: NCA accreditation at all schools. NCA team at the high school and middle school was very pleased and impressed.

J. Tobey: Two people she works with were very impressed with the middle school and she heard lots of positive feedback at a recent scrimmage.

T. Seago: Parent donated equipment for the football field speaker system. Project ReImagine: very excited about the curriculum at the vocational level.

L. Riggs: Mike Musary and Mary Seaton for the great job they do and the audit results. Project ReImagine: motivate students and get them to think "outside the box."

A. Kummerow: Proud of Armada and everyone involved.

C. Murray: Proud of our leadership, programs, staff, and facilities. Members of other school boards send their children to Armada which shows we're doing an outstanding job.

Susan Nieman
Secretary