

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
November 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, T. Seago, J. Tobey, R. Wandel, A. Flaim (student rep. alternate)
Absent: None
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, C. Szalay
Guests Present: Doug & Bernadette Phillips, Doug Phillips Jr., Joe Cioletti, Tyler Sledz, Ross Querro, Dawn Urban

- 11- 82 Motion by T. Seago, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 83 Motion by S. Kline, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

- October 18, 2011 regular meeting minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,515,803.18.

Personnel Report

- appointment of Shane Averitt, 7th grade boys' basketball coach, effective 2011-12 school year
- appointment of Amanda Kettlewell, freshmen girls' basketball coach, effective 2011-12 school year
- retirement of Nancy Primeau, Administrative Assistant to the Supt., effective January 1, 2012

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 84 Motion by R. Wandel, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to begin the refunding process by filing an application with the Department of Treasury and utilizing Stifel Nicolaus to refund all or part of the outstanding callable maturities of the 2002 refunding bonds if market conditions continue to be favorable.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 11- 85 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board approve the enclosed resolution certifying that the district has complied with 4 of the 5 best practices criteria to qualify for the \$100 per pupil grant.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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11- 86 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 8:04 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- House Bill 4005 passed in the Senate which would require all school board elections to be held in November of even years.
- A policy committee meeting with NEOLA will be scheduled in December.
- The MISD special ed. election failed (52% to 48%).
- Armada was not awarded funds from the i3 grant. Twenty-five percent of the \$150 million will be distributed to 23 districts however another round of grants will be awarded in the future.
- Nancy Primeau, Administrative Assistant to the Superintendent, will be retiring at the end of this year.
- Approved 12 Schools of Choice applications for second trimester.
- The Michigan Department of Ed. Office of Special Education will be interviewing Kurt Sutton to highlight our accomplishments for an on-line article on the positive impact of the MiBlisi grant in local districts.

Board Reports

Adam Flaim reported on high school activities: a mitten/winter clothing drive competition between schools; a toy drive is being held throughout the community; NHS is doing community projects for donations; a “Hats for Hope” fundraising event being held for Mike Stewart.

Ron Wandel briefed the Board on legislative issues and the MASB conference. Lori Riggs distributed notes from an MASB class on social media.

Sue Nieman reported that the Armada Education Foundation is accepting grant applications until November 22 and will award a total of \$15,000.

Points of Pride

R. Wandel: Based on survey results, the public agrees with what we're doing. Also, the Early Elementary program that tests students early to identify their needs and improve our curriculum accordingly.

S. Nieman: Proud of our administration and Board of Ed for placing a priority on maintaining the outstanding fine arts programs during these tough financial times.

S. Kline: The number of Armada students attending Almont's championship game last Friday to support them.

A. Flaim: The students raised over \$11,000 for the Rivals Against Cancer football game.

J. Tobey: Mrs. Mitchell for starting a book club for first grade readers. Also, the parents and football players who rallied to support their football coach.

T. Seago: Nancy Primeau for the incredible job she has done for the district.

L. Riggs: The Later Elementary for the “Why” Constructive Response Journal and their outdoor classroom funded by a grant.

C. Murray: Mrs. Caporuscio and the talented students performing in the high school play. Volunteers who support and coach the elementary Lego robotics team.

A. Kummerow: Proud of the high school musical and the talented students.

Susan Nieman
Secretary