

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 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, G. Winne
Absent: R. Wandel
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, D. Barr, C. Morgan, C. Connery, L. Hurd, A. Seaton, A. Foster,
J. Lee, D. Wagner, P. Paxton, S. Rhoten, M. Redd, C. Szalay, J. Isaacson,
M. Lewis
Guests Present: Matt Fahr, Dawn Urban

- 09- 28 Motion by T. Seago, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as modified: Add I.G.1.c. August 18, 2009 amended Executive Session minutes; add MASB resolutions under III.A. Board Reports.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 29 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by S. Nieman, 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 ratifying the Custodial/Maintenance Association and Secretarial Association contracts.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 30 Motion by G. Winne, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

- September 15, 2009 regular meeting minutes
- September 15, 2009 Executive Session minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,639,748.19

Personnel Report

- appointment of Susan Jarosz to Cook's Assistant effective October 19, 2009.
- appointment of Schedule B coaches for winter sports effective the 2009-10 school year.
- resignation of Renee Grzebinski as Cook's Assistant effective September 16, 2009.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Staff Development Room at 8:20 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 9:54 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

- 09- 31 Motion by G. Winne, supported by L. Riggs, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Custodial/Maintenance Association for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

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09- 32 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by G. Winne, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Secretarial Association for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

09- 33 Motion by T. Seago, supported by L. Riggs, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 9:59 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- Armada was one of 20 districts in Michigan selected for Phase II of the Project ReImagine grant.
- Kurt Sutton received a \$25,000 grant from Goldenrod Research for robotics equipment. He also received a \$4,900 grant for the Honeywell Instant Alert system.
- Craig Roys received a \$5,000 grant from The Chrysler Foundation for the FIRST Robotics Program.
- The Realtors' Luncheon, scheduled for November 3 in the Gallery, will include brief presentations by principals, building tours, and lunch. Realtors will receive a binder with several pieces of literature.
- Governor Granholm approved the state aid budget (\$165 per student cut).

Presentations

As part of the cultural awareness/foreign language update, Andrea Seaton gave a PowerPoint presentation on her trip to Costa Rica last summer where she attended classes at the university. Jan Lee presented to the Board on her world cultures class and her trip to Nepal during the summer.

Board Reports

Sue Nieman requested the Board's direction regarding two MASB resolutions (one on post-secondary and career readiness and another on school construction). The Board verbally agreed to support both resolutions.

The MCSBA legislative report Sue Nieman previously distributed has changed (Dr. Kummerow provided the latest update).

Points of Pride

L. Riggs: Armada's "forward thinking" through innovative grants, trips for multi-cultural awareness, and providing opportunities for students.

S. Nieman: Mr. Sutton for setting an example to teachers in writing grants. Staff needs to submit grants (AEF) to take advantage of alternative sources of revenue.

G. Winne: The first grade teachers for the great job they're doing. Also, in reading an article in the paper about Lapeer Schools, Armada offers almost everything that Lapeer does and they have 6,000 students.

J. Tobey: The grants being written to improve technology, etc. Second, at the Cros-Lex game, the Armada parents and players demonstrated better sportsmanship than Cros-Lex.

T. Seago: The donation of a computer for the Kids for Christ program and the donation of exercise equipment for the schools. Also, the Re-Imagine proposal going forward that will greatly help students.

A. Kummerow: The Armada staff and Board in general for keeping a positive attitude during these trying times. Also, proud of all the people we're serving educationally and in other ways such as through Project Care.

S. Shuler: The students being inducted into the National Honor Society.

C. Murray: Varsity football team and the cross-country team who worked at the fundraiser dinner Friday night.

Susan Nieman
Secretary