

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
REGULAR BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 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
Absent: G. Winne
Administration Present: A. Kummerow, M. Musary, P. Jankowski, S. Curry, J. Ballard
School Personnel Present: N. Primeau, D. Barr, C. Morgan, D. Mitchell, J. Bovenschen, S. Miller,
L. Saunders, L. Hurd, N. Moegle, A. Foster, J. Lee, D. Wagner, C. Podowski,
B. Jaye, S. Rhoten, G. Springer-Beskin, C. Szalay
Guests Present: Matt Fahr, Marty and Deb Smith, Penny Teller

09- 21 Motion by T. Seago, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

09- 22 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 bus drivers/cafeteria employees' contract.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Consent agenda: Request by T. Seago to vote separately on the bills, minutes and Personnel Report.

09- 23 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the August 18, 2009 regular and executive session minutes as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

09- 24 Motion by T. Seago, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,088,066.62.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

09- 25 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the Personnel Report as presented.

Effective 2009-10 school year:

- employment of Shawna Veit, HS Special Ed./math teacher at MA+15, Step 9
- re-assignment of Amber Pearl to preschool teacher (replacing Sharon Randall)
- assignment of Tracy Males to preschool teacher (also works in KinderDay)
- assignment of Sherry Job to preschool aide (also works in KinderDay)
- assignment of Ann Cioletti to preschool aide (also works in Childcare)

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- assignment of Heidi Lesnesky to preschool aide (also works in Childcare)
- appointment of Kyle Kilpatrick, 9th grade asst. football coach
- appointment of James Reed, JV asst. football coach
- appointment of Mark Zarate, 8th grade football coach
- appointment of Ryan Chipka, 8th grade asst. football coach
- resignation of Sharon Randall, preschool teacher
- retirement of Wes Teller, maintenance/custodial, effective September 18, 2009

Ayes: S. Nieman, L. Riggs, J. Tobey, R. Wandel
 Nays: C. Murray, T. Seago

MOTION PASSED

The Board convened the Executive Session in the Administration Building Staff Development Room at 8:34 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. At 10:00 p.m., the Executive Session was adjourned and the Board returned to regular session.

- 09- 26 Motion by L. Riggs, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Bus Drivers and Cafeteria employees for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2009 and ending June 30, 2012.

Ayes: All
 Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 09- 27 Motion by T. Seago, supported by J. Tobey, to adjourn the regular Board meeting at 10:02 p.m.

Ayes: All
 Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Superintendent's Report

- Dr. Kummerow reported that we had a great opening for school this year and thanked the custodial/maintenance staff for their work during the summer.
- Plans are underway for setting up a H1N1 vaccination clinic for students in the high school's auxiliary gym.
- Dr. Kummerow presented certificates from the Department of Health to the Early Elementary, Middle School and High School for 100% compliance in immunization reporting.
- Budget projections were based on an enrollment of 2,024 students and \$800,000 in reductions. Based upon our Schools of Choice enrollment and audit findings, the budget shortfall is currently closer to \$300,000.

Presentations

The Board honored Wes Teller in appreciation for his 27 years of service in the custodial/maintenance department. The Board also recognized Deb Smith in appreciation for her 11 years of service as the Armada Community Enrichment Program Director.

Susan Curry (Early Elementary Principal) and Phil Jankowski (High School Principal) updated the Board on district English/Language Arts curriculum/instruction strategies.

Board Reports

Sue Nieman, AEF Board representative, announced the AEF round of grants for a total of \$15,000. Ms. Nieman also reported highlights from the MCSBA Legislative Committee meeting.

Sidonie Shuler (student representative) reported on high school activities.

Points of Pride

- R. Wandel: Impressed with the qualifications and enthusiasm of our new teachers. Also, comments overheard at the Richmond game from parents who are very happy with our new bleachers.
- Tami Seago: Proud of the positive atmosphere at the Elementary School on the first day of school. Also, very impressed by Aric Foster as a coach and teacher.
- J. Tobey: Boys' soccer team who beat Richmond (first time in a long time) especially after a last-minute change in the game location.
- S. Nieman: Phil Jankowski for going above and beyond his regular responsibilities in helping with the grant, implementing the trimester schedule, and personally installing projectors in the classrooms to save money.
- Lori Riggs: During a CBA technology class in Pontiac, the teacher looked at each district's technology policy and Armada came out glowing. Proud of the people behind the scenes (like Nancy Couto) who get things done.
- Cheryl Murray: Athletic Boosters, an incredibly caring group of people. These parents are volunteering not only on the athletic fields but also in the schools to help students which enables the teachers to do a fantastic job.
- Dr. Kummerow: Mike Musary, Jim Ballard and his staff for their creativity in renovating the visitors' bleachers just a week before a major game.
- Sidonie Shuler: Varsity volleyball team for coming in first place at their home tournament.

Susan Nieman
Secretary