

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL/REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 23, 2021**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, February 23, 2021. The meeting was held virtually. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jordan Ackerman

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray,
J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, A. Blake (All Armada, MI)

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski (all Armada, MI)

School Personnel Present: M. Carlson, Student Rep. (all Armada, MI)

21-21 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as modified with the Bills Payable listed as a separate motion.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-22 Motion by S. Kline, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education request to hold a closed session at the end of the regular meeting for the purpose of negotiations.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-23 Motion by S. Kline, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the consent agenda as amended (without the Bills Payable).

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 19, 2021 Organizational/Regular Board Minutes
2. Personnel Report: Coach, Don Sage, Boys JV Baseball – Appointed Spring Sports and Teacher, Beverly Kuzminski, retirement effective 6-30-2021

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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21-24 Motion by S. Kline, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the the monthly bills payable in the amount of \$357,432.84.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Abstain: **C. Murray**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-25 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Resolution to amend the 2020/2021 General Fund Budget as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-26 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Sinking Fund projects as presented for the estimated total cost of \$453,600.00.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-27 Motion by A. Blake, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the updated hourly wage scale for paraprofessionals/aides for the rest of the 2020/21 school year, effective March 1, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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21-28 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Monthly Extended Continuity of Learning Plan for the Armada Area School District as presented and with no changes.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-29 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education supports Gina Walker for the MASB Board of Directors and that the Superintendent's Secretary will submit the vote via email before March 3, 2021.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-30 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the In-Person Board of Education meeting resolution as presented.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

Convened to Closed session at 8:01 p.m.

Returned to Open session at 9:24 p.m.

21-31 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Kline, that the Board of Education approve the agreement with the Armada Secretaries Association for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024.

Roll Call:

Ayes: **J. Ackerman, A. Blake, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert**

Abstain: E. Cooper

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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21-32 President, Jordan Ackerman, adjourned the meeting at 9:26 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from C. Murray and supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- A copy of one communication from a community member was placed at each Board member's table.
- A copy of a response letter from State Senator, Dan Lauwers, regarding our vaccine resolution was also provided.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

ARMADA SCHOOL UPDATES

- At Krause Elementary, they received a grant from L & L Products that provided 50 new tablets for our kindergarten through 2nd grade students. In addition, the district purchased 110 tablets from our CARES Act technology funds. Students use these devices to record themselves reading on See Saw, complete independent math work on iXL, and listen or read stories on RAZ kids.
- At the middle school, athletics and robotics are back and the students are enjoying a bit of normalcy.
- At the high school, students just completed a Project Care competition by donating items for the local food pantry at St. Mary's in Armada. Also, George Calvert (skilled trades) and Isabella Perry (HOSA) were named our CTE Students of the Year – the MISD produced a virtual ceremony to honor all of the students in Macomb County.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi robotics team is preparing for their virtual competition called Infinite Recharge, a Star Wars concept using droids to fight off asteroid showers by gathering power cells to charge their space vehicle shields (all in 135 seconds).

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, provided an update of the following:

1. Mid-Year Student Benchmark and Progress Report
2. MICIP Meeting:
 - a) New process for District & School Improvement
 - b) Consisted of two teacher representatives from each building and the building principals and central administration
 - c) Reviewed new process for board at future meeting

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- d) Discussed learning management systems as part of this group
3. Return to Learn Survey: Approximately 87.9% of the students are planning to return face-to-face for third trimester.
4. Spring Assessments:
- a) WIDA testing is done
 - b) Spring testing – most likely will proceed with “flexibility”
 - i. Looks like the State is going to ask to use NWEA scores
 - ii. Preparing for either option
 - iii. Should know by the end of March
5. Participation Rates

District Name: Armada Area Schools									District 50050								
Date of Attendance	NUMBER SCHEDULED							(A)	NUMBER ATTENDING							(B)	(B) / (A)
	Elem	MS	ACE	HS	HS V	ACE V	MS V	Total	Elem	Middle School	ACE	High School	HS V	ACE V	MS V	Total	% Of Attendance
1/5/2021	719	345	3	483				1550	704	331	2	458				1495	96.4516129
					109	13	69	191					86	5	62	153	80.10471204
1/12/2021	719	345	3	483				1550	692	331	0	451				1474	95.09677419
					109	13	69	191					86	5	62	153	80.10471204
1/19/2021	719	346	3	484				1552	685	335	1	462				1483	95.55412371
					109	13	68	190					94	7	59	160	84.21052632
1/27/2021	721	346	3	484				1554	699	337	2	464				1502	96.65379665
					109	13	68	190					90	9	56	155	81.57894737
2/2/2021	721	346	3	484				1554	693	309	0	441				1443	92.85714286
					109	12	68	189					87	7	57	151	79.89417989
2/9/2021	721	345	3	484				1553	692	325	2	456				1475	94.97746297
					109	12	68	189					69	8	61	138	73.01587302

Board Reports: The Student Board of Education Representative, Madisen Ruczynski, shared the following information:

- Student Council has decorated the hallways with two themes; *The Wizard of Oz* and *Finding Nemo*. It has boosted everyone’s spirits and will be kept up until after exams.

Old Business:

- Member, C. Murray, asked Mr. Musary to continue to take care of the teachers.
- Member, S. Nieman reminded the members that there are some MASB workshops available.
- Member, J. Ackerman has signed up for the President’s workshop.

New Business:

- Member, J. Ackerman mentioned that someone take a look at the morning traffic in the elementary parking lot.

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- The building and grounds department has done a good job with the snow removal at the school buildings. The bus drivers are also doing a great job during the recent ice and snow.

C. Murray:

- The 1st Robotics and Middle School Robotics teams have been doing a great job in these “unchartered waters”. The teachers and coaches who are overseeing the teams should be commended for salvaging the season.

M. Meerschaert:

- The high schoolers decorating the hallways shows such a good sign of support for attending in-person school.

J. Ackerman:

- Recognized Terri Tomayko for her work “behind the scenes”.

S. Nieman:

- Mrs. Caporuscio is putting on a play this spring which is a sign of her dedication and the enthusiasm of the students.

S. Kline:

- Proud of Member M. Meerschaert for taking all of the roll call votes. Grateful to the Central Office staff who helped the teachers get their vaccination appointments.

A. Blake:

- Proud of Mr. Musary who is doing a good job as Superintendent and appreciative to have him at the helm.

P. Jankowski:

- Kudos to the teachers on the school improvement committee (MICIP) who met this week in the Gallery where they could socially distance. It was great to have them together to collaborate and talk in person.

Student Representative:

- Proud of all who are involved in the school who help to motivate the students, such as the counselors and coaches.

M. Musary:

- Proud of Mrs. Caporuscio with her theatre program and Ms. Ulinski with the Middle School music program who presented a nice Valentine, virtual performance.

Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education