

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 18, 2022**

The Organizational/Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada High School Auditorium, 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael G. Musary, acting as temporary chair until the election of the Board President. Terri Tomayko was appointed temporary secretary until the election of officers took place.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray,
S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, M. Marasco (Student Rep)

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

School Personnel Present: J. Ackerman, M. Gosciewski

22-05 Motion by C. Murray, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended. It was requested that the Personnel Report and Minutes be approved separately from the Bills Payable.

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray,
S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

22-06 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect S. Kline as President.

Supported by A. Blake. No other nominations were made.

Scott Kline was elected **President** (with a 7-0 vote) of the Armada Board of Education:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Scott Kline assumed the meeting as Board President and continued the nominations for officers:

22-07 Nomination by M. Meerschaert to elect C. Murray as Vice President. Supported by S. Nieman.

No other nominations were made.

Cheryl Murray was unanimously elected **Vice-President** of the Armada Board of Education.

22-08 Nomination by C. Murray to elect S. Nieman as Treasurer. Supported by M. Meerschaert. No other nominations were made.

Susan Nieman was unanimously elected **Treasurer** of the Armada Board of Education.

22-09 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect M. Meerschaert as Secretary. Supported by C. Murray. No other nominations were made.

Michele Meerschaert was unanimously elected **Secretary** of the Armada Board of Education.

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22-10 Motion by C. Murray, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education designate regular Board meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule; with the exception of the month of August which has been moved to the fourth Tuesday due to the Armada Fair week. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

President, S. Kline reviewed the committees and the current members and there were no changes to be made.

22-11 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the the Minutes and the Personnel Report portion of the consent agenda as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. December 21, 2021 (Regular meeting)
 - b. December 21, 2021 (Closed Session meeting)
2. Personnel Report
 - Resignation of Jessica Nelson, MS Math Teacher
 - Resignation of Kathleen Dillon, Food Service
 - Schedule B Spring Coach List
 - New Hire of Jessica Raccosta, Special Ed./Resource Teacher

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-12 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable portion of the consent agenda as amended.

1. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$587,858.80

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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22-13 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the following teachers' tenure:

Cara Ricossa – effective 09-03-2021 (prior tenure + two years at Armada)

Jessica Gizzi – effective 11-04-2021 (prior tenure + two years at Armada)

(Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-14 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the following recommended new courses and changes:

Computer Graphics, Today's Tech, Introduction to Computer Science, AP Statistics, Rock 'n' Roll History Part II, and Horror/Sci-Fi Film Studies (History of Cinema continuation) and also combine drawing and painting and replace CNA with Patient Care Technician (PCT)/Medical Science.

(Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-15 Motion by A. Blake, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the the recommendation that the Superintendent, Mike Musary, work with MASB to facilitate a Strategic Plan.

Voice Vote : S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-16 President, S. Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications made.

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High School Presentation:

High School Principal, Jordan Ackerman, provided a presentation which highlighted some of the following:

- SAT Test Scores are number one in Macomb County.
- Improving Academics by focusing on social/emotional health, increasing focus on our bottom 30%, and the offering of new courses and opportunities.
- Several points of pride were shared.
- Areas of growth for the future are; preparing to return to a traditional schedule, student advisory groups, common grading practices/scales, and a plan to prepare for the community to come back into the building.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause Elementary, we will be at 100% room utilization capacity when we hire a new special education teacher. We will be fine for the fall of 2022, but we may have to move the preschool programs to Burk St. in the fall of 2023 if there is growth in our student body.
- At the M.S., they successfully completed their winter athletic season (girls basketball and wrestling), highlighted by the girls 7th grade basketball team going undefeated coached by Joe McDevitt.
- At the H.S., they are wrapping up their Hunger Games where students bring in items to donate to the St. Mary's pantry. The theatre department had tryouts for the spring play on March 4-6, "You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown".
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi are preparing for their upcoming season. They have two District competitions at Milford (March 10 - 12) and Macomb Community College (March 31 – April 1). The FIRST Michigan State Championship is at Saginaw Valley State University (April 13 – 16).

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided an update of the following:

- I. January Professional Development
 - A. PLCs/ Schoology
 - B. ALICE Training
 - C. Presentation from Celebrate Hope
- II. Scheduling
 - A. February at the secondary level
 - B. Kindergarten round-up March 8th
- III. Winter NWEA testing in progress
- IV. Sex Ed Advisory Committee

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Board Reports:

The Student Board of Education Representative, Marissa Marasco, provided the following information:

- The annual PLT Project Care competition is underway! During A-block for the next two weeks, all first hour classes will be racing to collect desired personal and food items for local pantries to help families in need.
- NHS and Relay for Life will be selling donuts next week for cancer research.
- Wellness week is January 24th through January 28th.
- Auditions for the spring play are completed.
- Most of the high school students are looking forward to spring break.

Member S. Nieman provided a brief legislative report that the federal money is coming in and things are looking good for the district as well as the State.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- The MASB-Strategic Planning presentation that was provided during the Special Meeting was discussed. All members, including Superintendent Musary, agreed that it would be important to begin the strategic planning process with the help of a third party such as MASB. A motion was then made to have Mr. Musary work with MASB to facilitate a strategic plan. (See above motion 22-15)
- The presentation from Site Logiq was also discussed and the consensus was that the board is not quite ready yet. A suggestion was made that when the time comes to consult construction management, quotes can be compared from Site Logiq as well as other architectural and construction management companies.

Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Ed is proud of the Culinary Arts students who prepared the dinner tonight. Impressed with the AMVETS essay/drawing contest.

C. Murray:

- Cheryl came upon a food collection box at a local business and realized what a caring community we have. She is also amazed at the staff and the things that Jordan Ackerman is doing at the high school to make his staff members feel appreciated every Monday as these nice gestures go a long way.

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M. Meerschaert:

- Michele is proud of the girls on the bowling team who were at Strikers recently. There was a glitch in the *Star Spangled Banner* recording and when it stopped, the girls proceeded to sing it on their own.

S. Wylin

- Shawn enjoyed the nice dinner and is proud of the Culinary program and its students.

S. Nieman:

- Sue is proud of the counselors in all three buildings as they have been working hard on ideas and projects for the Wellness Program next week.

S. Kline:

- Scott is thankful to Michele, Sue, and Cheryl for agreeing to be officers for the next year. He told Mr. Musary that he seems to find good people to work for him and puts them in the right places.

A. Blake:

- Andrew is happy to see that Mr. McDevitt is coaching basketball again.

K. Skokna:

- Kelly is appreciative of all of the Board Members.

Student Representative:

- Marissa is proud of the PLT and Project Care.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary said that research does show when you have a cohesive board and Superintendent that sticks around, you will make more progress. He also said that he feels he has come full circle in his career because he coached this young kid back in 8th grade and now that young kid is the high school principal. So, shout out to Jordan!



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education