

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 15, 2022**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada Middle School Community Room, 23550 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake, S. Kline w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

School Admin. Personnel Present: T. Schafer, M. Gillett

22-30 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda with modifications to the consent agenda. (A request was made to vote the monthly bills payable separately.)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-31 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the the Minutes and the Personnel Report portion of the Consent Agenda as modified.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. February 15, 2022 (Special Meeting)

b. February 15, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

c. February 15, 2022 (Closed Session Minutes)

d. February 15, 2022 (Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)

2. Personnel Report: Carolyn Vissotske, MS/Academy Food Prep/Cashier;
Spring Coaches listing.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-32 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$429,373.68 as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

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22-33 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve Stafford Landscaping LLC for a one year lawn service contract in the amount of \$43,200.00. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-34 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the Sinking Fund projects as presented for a total amount of \$361,000.00. (Staff Report #2)

District Cement	\$ 50,000
High School Carpet (10 rooms)	\$ 60,000
JV Softball Field Fence	\$ 30,000
High School Exterior Lighting	\$ 8,000
Middle School Uni-vents (2)	\$ 50,000
Elementary Classroom Tile (10 classrooms)	\$ 20,000
Elementary Light Poles	\$ 5,000
Elementary Exterior Lighting	\$ 9,000
Elementary Gym Lighting	\$ 9,000
Elementary Carpet (20 rooms)	<u>\$120,000</u>
TOTAL:	\$361,000

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-35 Vice President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:32 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Nieman and supported by E. Cooper.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- None

Masons Grant Presentation:

Mark Zink of the Richmond Masons presented Micki Cecil, the Armada High School Art teacher, with a \$500.00 grant.

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Armada Middle School Presentation:

Armada Middle School Principal, Todd Schafer, and Assistant Principal, Matthew Gillett, provided a presentation which highlighted some of the following:

- 2021-M-Step/PSAT Results – Ranked #1 in Macomb County in 6 of 8 categories
- Curriculum Highlights: Competency Based Education(CBE), Standards Based Grading, Common Assessments, Student Management Systems, Empower to Schoology transition, Rubric Development & Refinement, Student Feedback
- Technology Update: Continued use of assistive technology, Chromebooks in all core subject areas
- Maker Space Planning & Development: Introducing teachers to Makerspace tools, planning student use of Makerspace 2022-2023 school year
- Counseling: Staff “Shout Outs”, Adolescent Outreach Program, Conflict Resolution, SEL Focus, Family Holiday Support, Wellness Week, World Kindness Day, Student of the Month Program, Daily Birthday Announcements
- Student Supports: Macomb Family Services, Counseling Program, Secondary Level Social Worker, District Psychologist
- Student Clubs and Activities: Student Council, National Junior Honor Society, Robotics, Tiger Café
- Points of Pride: Academic Success Program, Trimester-Based Academic Growth Reward Program, Middle School Teacher this year is Tom Austin, 7th grade Social Studies teacher
- Looking Ahead to 2022-2023: Explore new course offerings such as advanced courses, CTE courses, intervention courses, Makerspace expansion and classroom immersion, technology additions/enhancements, Schoology learning platform

Superintendent’s Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

Armada School Updates

- At Krause Elementary, kindergarten round-up took place last week with “good” numbers – six more students than last school year.
- At the M.S., 6th and 7th grade students are filling out their scheduling requests for the 2022-23 school year.
- At the H.S., the 3rd trimester is underway. This Wednesday (March 16), the 1st Annual Mr. Armada Contest will take place at 7 pm in the AHS auditorium – 11 senior boys will be competing in 3 game show events. Donations from the contest will be part of our Relay for Life program that donates to the American Cancer Society. The HS play raised \$4,200 in their minute to give it for the 42 Strong Foundation’s mentoring program.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi won the prestigious Chairman’s Award at the Milford District competition which qualifies the team for the State Championship at SVSU on April 14 – 16. Their next District competition will be on April 1 – 2 at MCC South Campus.

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- The winter student count in the district was 1,745 (our fall 2021 count was 1,748).
- The district will be returning to a 6-period day for secondary students for the 2022-23 school year.

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

- I. Preparing for Summer School Opportunities
 - A. Elementary tutoring, Camp Invention
 - B. Middle school camps
 - C. High school credit recovery
- II. Scheduling
 - A. Kindergarten Round Up complete
 - B. Secondary requests in
- III. Preparing for Title III Review
 - A. May 9, 2022
- IV. Upcoming Professional Development
 - A. April 1, 2022
 - B. Schoology focused 3-12, See Saw K-2

MISD Budget Oversight Committee Representative Appointment

S. Wylin agreed to be the Board's appointed representative for the MISD Budget Oversight Committee. The meeting is to be held at the Macomb Intermediate School District at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 21, 2022. C. Murray agreed to be the alternate representative.

Board Reports:

- Next week is the Macomb County School Boards Meeting at Stevenson High School (Utica Schools) at 6:00 p.m. on Tuesday March 22, 2022
- Reminder from S. Nieman that the State Annual Leadership Conference will be held this year from October 20 through October 23, 2022. If anyone is interested in attending, it is a good idea to book the Traverse City Resort and Spa early. Contact Terri to make your reservations.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

- The Board Members discussed the Superintendent's goals which will be finalized and presented to Mr. Musary in the near future.

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Ed enjoyed the orchestra performance in the lobby this evening and is proud of the Fighting Pi Robotics team.

C. Murray:

- Cheryl is proud of Ms. Ewert, Special Education teacher, who is very dedicated. She said that we are lucky to have her here in Armada.

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele gave a shout out to the music program and for the high school orchestra putting things together, with little time, to receive a level 1 rating at Festival.

S. Wylin:

- Shawn really enjoyed the play, *You're a Good Man, Charlie Brown*, last weekend. They did a nice job. She was also impressed that the father of the young man who died in the Oxford shootings was there to speak.

S. Nieman:

- Susan is fascinated with the middle school Pi-Gears, First Robotics team. Not only do they have technical skills, but their public speaking skills are impressive. She is proud of the mentors and sponsors for helping the students build life skills.

K. Skokna:

- Kelly loved the play and enjoyed the showcase of artwork that was displayed during the weekend of the play.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of the High School Robotics team for winning the Chairman's Award, as well as the girls and boys bowling teams that went to State. Three of our wrestlers also went to State Competition.
- In addition, he is proud of some of the former 8th grade students whose pictures appear on the wall in the Middle School as Students of the Year. One of them is a current teacher (Nicole Ewert), another is a current administrator (Jordan Ackerman), and another is a current board member (Shawn Wylin).



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education