

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2023**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill,
M. Meerschaert, (Brett Pearce, Student Rep.)

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake w/notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

23-36 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, 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: C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

23-37 Motion by S. Hill, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation process. The meeting will take place in the Gallery at the end of the regular meeting.

Roll Call Vote: C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

23-38 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. April 18, 2023 (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes)

b. April 18, 2023 (Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes)

2. Personnel Report

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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- 23-39 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$494,525.10 as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

- 23-40 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the First reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual (Volume 37, No. 2 – February 2023 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

- 23-41 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District budget.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

- 23-42 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution designating an electoral representative, M. Meerschaert, and alternate, S. Nieman, for the MISD Board election and directing the representative to vote for the Candidate, Michael Schulte, and candidate, Brian White, of which the Board supports.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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23-43 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution authorizing the issuance and delegating the sale of bonds for the sum of not to exceed Twenty-six Million Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$26,500,000)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

23-44 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the recommended elementary (K-5) ELA curriculum, Amplify CKLA (Core Knowledge Language Arts) for a one year implementation period for the amount of \$ 129,380.48.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Wolak, S. Hill, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Convened to closed session for the discussion of the Superintendent's evaluation process at 8:37 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:56 p.m.

23-45 Board President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:56 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

Communications:

- None

PRESENTATIONS:

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced "Students of the Month" for May 2023, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards.

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Outstanding Teachers: Bells were presented

2022-2023

Marcia Monnette - Krause Elementary
Andrea Seaton - Armada Middle School
Joshua Bobek - Armada High School

Student Board Representative:

An award was presented to Brett Pearce for his service as the Student Representative on the Board of Education for the 2022-2023 school year.

Distinguished Scholars:

Awards were presented to the top 9 scholars of the 2023 Macomb County All Academic List.

Safety Protocol Update:

Director of Student Safety, Tim Woelkers, provided an update regarding the latest safety protocols.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause Elementary, Super Kids Day is next Monday (May 22). The 5th grade farewell celebration will be Tuesday, May 30th at 6 pm.
- At the M.S., students completed their PSAT and M-STEP testing. Also, students have completed their 2023/24 scheduling requests.
- At the H.S., this is the final week for seniors and the AHS graduation ceremony is next week on Wednesday, May 24th at 6:00 pm. An AHS student won the grand prize in the Congressional Art Competition and will have her acrylic painting exhibited at the Washington DC Capitol Building for one year.
- At MA2S, 20 students earned a STEM Honors diploma (second year eligible – last year we had 11).
- The \$26.5 million bond sale is scheduled to take place on June 8th.

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

- I. State Testing and NWEA Projected Proficiencies
 - A. NWEA Projected Proficiencies were shared
- II. Transitional Meetings--8th and 6th grade
- III. Conservatory and Academy Diploma Endorsements
- IV. School Improvement Update
 - A. Cognia surveys out
- V. Summer School Programming
 - A. HS: Credit Recovery

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- B. MS: ELA Camp
 - C. EL: Half day programming
- VI.Elementary ELA Curriculum Recommendation
- A. CKLA Presentation
 - B. CKLA Curriculum Map

Board Reports:

Student Representative, B. Pearce, shared that in his final year and as he is leaving, he has noticed that everything is growing and becoming better. He is proud of how the school has developed in the past year and is happy that he was there to see happen.

New Business:

- MASB has a survey out – check it out online
- AEF (Armada Education Foundation) – Golf outing is scheduled for August 6, 2023

Old Business:

- Member C. Murray will have some Board Operating Procedures notes to share at the next meeting.

Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Board member Murray continues to be impressed at the conduct of the students and how they represent the district in a positive way. She said they are why we are here.

S. Wylin:

- Board member Wylin appreciated Tim Woelker’s safety update. She is also proud of all of the parents who have been attending more events. She is happy to see families showing up for their kids.

S. Nieman:

- Board member Nieman is proud of the community for getting out to vote yes for the bond and sinking fund.

S. Wolak:

- Board member Wolak said that the Washington D.C. trip was special and without incident and it was a great time.

M. Meerschaert:

- Board member Meerschaert is proud of Nancy Couto, our Technology Director, who will be retiring in August. She said that Nancy has done a wonderful job and those are going to be some “big shoes to fill”.

S. Hill:

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- Board member Hill is proud of all the different award ceremonies at every level and for the recognition for so many different types of groups such as music, art, theater, sports, academic, etc.

K. Skokna:

- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, K. Skokna, is proud of the art program. She said she is happy to see it growing and students winning awards and seeing the artwork displayed in the community.

M. Musary:

- Superintendent, Mr. Musary, is proud of the Conservatory of the Arts program and he has enjoyed all the performances. Our Student Representative, Brett, is a part of this program. Mr. Musary said that Brett has a bright future.

Student Rep:

- Brett said that today was a good day. Music Boosters gave out some senior gifts and he received a \$15.00 Target gift card!



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education