

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 2019**

19-29 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the the monthly bills payable for a total amount of \$649,043.22.

Voice Vote

Ayes: S. Nieman, J. Tobey, M. Meerschaert, J. Ackerman

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4-0

19-30 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District budget.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 5-0

19-31 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by J. Ackerman, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education Policy Committee.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 5-0

19-32 Vice President , Cheryl Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:33 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Ackerman and supported by M. Meerschaert.

Hearing of the Public:

- Kami Keding, Athletic Booster's President , spoke on behalf of the boosters. She wanted the board to know that they were working on raising money for the new soccer/football scoreboard and it looks like they have some interested parties.

Communications:

- There were no communications made.

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Presentations:

1.) Superintendent Musary recognized Students of the Month from Krause Elementary School and Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a Certificate.

2.) Don Holston, Director of Athletics/MA2S/ACE , provided a detailed Update covering the following areas:

- ❖ ACE - Armada Continuing Education is led by Cynthia Mizuki. It is a form of blended, online, self paced learning in a classroom setting. It is offered to students who want to recover credits and ultimately graduate. The graduation success rate is good. Fifteen students have already graduated this year. Five of those students were fifth year seniors. A student also spoke about his positive experience with ACE.
- ❖ Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences Academy (MA2S) - This is Mr. Holston's second year as director. The Academy houses the AP math and science courses. It offers the STEM program for current 9th graders which helps them get started with a college plan. When completed, they will receive the STEM designation on their transcript. Robotics is part of MA2S and the team is doing very well in competition. The highlights at MA2S are:
 - AP computer science won a diversity award.
 - MA2S statistics class takes 1st, 2nd and 3rd place in Michigan Statistics Poster Contest for grades 7-9.
 - Mr. Woznicki's AP class competed in the Michigan Math Prize competition.
 - More students passed the AP calculus test and earned college credit last year than we had enrolled in the entire class three years ago.
 - Robotics won the Gibraltar district event, won the entrepreneurship award, and won the Dean's list award.
 - Robotics won the Troy District Event Chairman's Award and finished 9th in the State competition out of 160 teams and will compete at the World Championships Competition at Cobo Hall.
- ❖ Athletics - Participation is solid in Armada athletics. Some of the highlights are:
 - State qualifiers in boys cross country as well as individual students for cross country, wrestling, and bowling.
 - Armada had three college signings.
 - Mr. Dave Fredette has retired after 53 years as tennis coach and was recently named Coach of the Year.
 - The athletic renovations are going well. Donations look promising for the proposed soccer/football scoreboard.
 - The weight room and locker rooms have been gutted and are underway.
 - The new baseball field should be ready for Districts in late May.

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Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause elementary, second through fifth graders were treated to a presentation from Michigan's Attorney General's Office on cyber safety – students were reminded about how to keep safe, keep personal information private, and keep talking to adults about what they are doing online. Fourth grade students learned about economics and careers from six different entrepreneurs over a two day period – students took notes and asked several questions to each presenter.
- M-STEP testing is underway at the Middle School. Six A.M.S. students were selected among 43 middle schools to participate in the MSBOA District 16 Honors Band and performed on March 26th at Lakeview H.S.
- The Armada Music program was selected by the NAMM Foundation as one of the Best Communities for Music Education for a second year in a row – 623 school districts in the U.S. and only 13 school districts in Michigan received this honor in 2019.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi reached the semifinals in their division at the State Championships at SVSU and won a Regional Chairman's Award and a Dean's List Finalist Award. The Fighting Pi have earned four banners this season which is the most in school history. The Fighting Pi head to Detroit April 24 - 27 for the World Championships at Cobo Hall.
- Legislation continues to move slowly in Lansing to allow additional snow days, so there is still nothing official yet and we have been informed a decision may not be made until mid-May. At this time we have to make up one day which will most likely be at the end of the school year moving the last school day to Friday, June 14th. We will be providing the community with a status update on our website and Facebook pages.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, was not able to be in attendance but provided a report for the board consisting of :

- Marshall Plan - Timeline
- State Testing
- Scheduling
- Calendar Updates
- AdvancED Update

Board Reports

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative :

Recent Events

- Several English classes were given the opportunity to attend the Holocaust Museum after learning and reading about it.
- The juniors, sophomores, and freshmen completed PSAT and SAT testing this month.
- The Fighting Pi robotics team earned chairman's award and Dean's list finalist at the Michigan State Championships qualifying them for Worlds.

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- Armada HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) had several students qualify for nationals and an individual was elected to be on the board of Michigan HOSA.
- The music program was selected by the NAMM foundation as one of the best communities for music education in the United States for the second year in a row.
- Seniors have been very busy applying for scholarships and the counseling department ensures that they have access to all of the scholarships available.
 - Senior English classes also work with the students to help write scholarship essays.
- There are many after school sessions planned for students to prepare for their AP tests.

Board Reports cont.

Board Member, Susan Nieman attended the Michigan Education Association School Finance for Schoolboards event recently and said that it was well attended. She shared a chart of tax rates for local areas with the other members of the board.

Old Business:

Board Member, Cheryl Murray, asked about the Friday before Spring break where Armada Schools reportedly only met 72.5% attendance. Mr. Musary confirmed that on that half day of school, 75% attendance was not met. He researched the penalty amount and it is much less than it would cost to make up the day.

New Business:

None reported.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Proud of the athletic boosters and their fund raising for the scoreboard. Also proud of the robotics team at States.

C. Murray:

- Proud of the staff out there being on the front lines to promote our schools. She met a family that was attending most of the meeting tonight because they were considering attending as school of choice.

M. Meerschaert:

- Proud of the music program being selected by the NAMM foundation as one of the best communities for music education in the United States for the second year in a row.

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J. Ackerman:

- Impressed with the young man who spoke about his success with the ACE program and the fact that his mother was teary eyed when she spoke about it. Don and Ms. Mizuki should be proud.

S. Nieman:


- Proud of Mr. Holston and his presentation. He has a lot on his plate and is doing an excellent job with all of it.

M. Musary:

- Proud of HOSA and the Robotics team for going to States. Also proud of the student who gave a fantastic presentation tonight.

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative:

- Impressed with the ACE program and continued support from the staff.


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education