

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 18, 2020**

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

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, J. Tobey, C. Murray, J. Ackerman, S. Nieman,
M. Meerschaert

Absent:

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

Guests Present:

20-56 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by J. Tobey that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-57 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by C. Murray that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 21, 2020 (Policy Committee Minutes)
 - b. July 21, 2020 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - c. July 29, 2020 (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes)
 - d. August 10, 2020 (Special Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable for a total amount of \$658,764.69
3. Personnel Report
 - o New Hire - Emily Richardson, Elementary Teacher
 - o New Hire - Nicole Ewert, Middle School Special Education Teacher
 - o New Hire - Scott Kosiara, Elementary Teacher
 - o New Hire - Brittany Dunford, Elementary Teacher
 - o Appointment - Fall Coaches
 - o Reassignment - Pam Lille - Acting Elementary Assistant Principal
 - o Resignation - Cyrsten Hammer, Kindergarten Teacher
 - o Resignation - Board Member, Tami Seago-Fry

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 6-0

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20-58 Motion by J. Ackerman, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the Appointment of Ed Cooper to fill the Board of Education vacancy until the next regular school election for which the vacant seat is qualified.
Ed Cooper was sworn in at the end of the meeting by Superintendent, Michael Musary.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-59 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Second and final reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy manual (Volume 34 No. 2 - Spring updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-60 Motion by J. Ackerman, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the Second and final reading of the New Title IX Policy to be added to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-61 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve that all courses offered with the amendment to add "for the 2020-21 school year" will also be taught virtually, on-line or in a blended capacity, and that this note shall be added to all course descriptions and catalogs.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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20-62 Motion by J. Ackerman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Curriculum and courses as presented by Krause Elementary, Armada Middle School, and Armada High School and that the following note be added to each catalog for the 2020-21 school year:
All of the listed courses can also be taken virtually, on-line , or in a blended capacity.

Roll Call

Ayes:

Nays: MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-63 Under the "Old Business" topic, J. Ackerman made a motion to put the tabled Administrator's contract extensions back on the table. It was supported by C. Murray.

Voice Vote

Ayes:

Nays: MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-64 Motion by J. Ackerman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the contracts for Armada's administrative staff as previously presented with salary and benefits through the 2021-2022 school year.

Voice Vote

Ayes:

Nays: MOTION PASSED : 6-0

20-65 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey and supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

None

Superintendent's Report:

The Superintendent's Report consisted of an overview of the Elementary preliminary plan of the in-person and virtual numbers of students and teachers.

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Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, presented the following agenda:

1. **Return to Learn - FAQ**
 - A. Virtual class teachers
 1. One teacher per grade
 - B. Final numbers for virtual instruction- 22%
 1. Elementary - 166
 2. MS - 90
 3. HS -124
 4. Total = 380

2. **Staff Daily Assurance Form**
 - A. Must be completed each day

3. **New legislation**
 - A. Attendance Policy/tracking?
 - B. Take attendance every virtual class
 - C. 2-way check-ins per week
 - D. 75% spring/25% fall student count
 - E. Days and hours are waived

4. **Union issues**
 - A. Letter of Agreement

5. **Special Education Roadmap**

6. **Technology**
 - A. Empower Rollout
 - B. Chromebook distribution
 - C. Teacher Webcams - on order/partial shipment received
 - D. New desktops computers - Teachers replacements first
 - E. Internet Hot Spots
 1. We will order 10 from Verizon and pilot.
 2. Follow up in two weeks with discussion on larger roll out
 3. Each admin, Kurt, Kelly, Todd, Don, and Melanie will pick two pilot families
 4. Chromebooks
 - A. Purchase more - use state grant, additional state funding, MISD funding etc.

7. **Safeschools Training - due October 31, 2020**
 - A. Title IX
 - B. Bloodborne Pathogens

8. **Training Day 1 - August 27**
 - A. Agenda
 - B. Need teachers to sign-in and out
 - C. Lunch on their own
 - D. They will need to follow up in MOECS

9. **Training Day 2 - August 28**

10. **PLC Meetings DPPD Focus Areas**

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Board Reports:

None

New Business:

C. Murray asked about the numbers of Schools of Choice students and was told they are down, but also being watched so as not to increase class sizes.

J. Ackerman reminded the members that when a COVID case is discovered, the Health Department does the tracing and not the school district.

S. Nieman asked about how the bus situation would work and Mr. Musary told her that the Transportation Supervisor has been calling the families individually to make sure that everything is planned out safely.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- She is proud of Mr. Musary for making it possible for face to face school. She is also proud of the community and happy that they were able to fill the vacant Board seat.

C. Murray:

- She is proud to hear that the Transportation Supervisor has been calling all of the families to make sure they get the students to school safely. It is a big job and greatly appreciated.

J. Ackerman:

- He thinks everyone involved in getting the back to school issues figured out is doing a phenomenal job, especially with communication.

S. Nieman:

- She is proud of the Administration for fielding all of the questions from parents and was especially impressed with the High School Principal for how she recently handled some tough questions.

M. Meerschaert:

- She is proud of the fall coaches and how they are following all of the safety protocols at their practices.

E. Cooper:

- He is proud of everyone and thinks they are doing a great job.

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P. Jankowski:

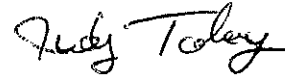
- Proud of all of the recent AP exams that took place and impressed with what the teachers have done to support those students. Also proud of all the staff.

M. Musary:

- Proud of his entire staff for putting this thing together. We are less than two weeks away from the first day of school and we are working hard, but we are seeing a little light at the end of the tunnel. There is still a lot of work to go, but it is looking like we can make it happen.

S. Kline:

- Proud of Administration for doing a great job and proud of the first annual **Monsoon Graduation** which was actually a lot of fun.



Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education