

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 13, 2018

A Special Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room located at 74500 Burk Street, Armada, Michigan 48005, by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord (arrived at 5:35 p.m.), S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey
Absent: M. Meerschaert, Tami Seago
Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski
School Personnel Present: None
Guests Present: None

18 - 22 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

18 - 23 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the site clearing bid award for Armada High School 2017 Bond Project submitted by JSS – Macomb, LLC in the amount of \$89,000.

Ayes: E. Genord, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

18 - 24 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 5:42 p.m.

Ayes: E. Genord, S. Kline, C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education

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BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 20, 2018

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Community Room of Armada Middle School located at 23550 Armada Center Road, Armada, Michigan, by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey,
Student Representative
Absent: T. Seago
Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, T. Schafer, D. Holston, K. Skokna, M. Gosciewski
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, D. Ackerman, R. Blume, M. Carlson, M. Gillett, R. Husken,
A. Lynch
Guests Present: Students of the Month & their families, Athlete Excellence Award Recipients
and their families

- 18 – 25 Vice President C. Murray requested a separate vote on the Month Bills Payable (Item 2) of the Consent Items due to conflict of interest (as she has a financial interest in a bills payable vendor). Motion by C. Murray, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the modified agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 18 – 26 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The meeting will take place in the Teachers' Lounge of the Middle School. *(A roll call vote was taken—all ayes.)*

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 18 – 27 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve Items 1 & 3 of the Consent Agenda as presented:

- February 20, 2018, Financial Committee Minutes
- February 20, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
- February 20, 2018, Closed Session Minutes
- March 13, 2018, Special Meeting Minutes
- Personnel Report
 - Appointment of Marcia Monnette, Freshmen Volleyball Co-Coach, effective 2018/2019 School Year.
 - Appointment of Taylor Kehoe, Freshman Volleyball Co-Coach, effective 2018/2019 School Year
 - Appointment of Scott Scribner, JV Volleyball Coach, effective 2018/2019 School Year
 - Retirement of Gwen Beskin, Music Teacher (KE), effective January 23, 2018
 - Resignation of Meredith Vorhies, Title I Aide (KE), effective March 16, 2018
 - Retirement of Norene Olejnik, Preschool Teacher (KE), effective June 8, 2018

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 28 Motion by E. Genord, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve Item 2 of the Consent Agenda as presented: Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,453,118.02.

Ayes: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

The Board took a short recess and convened the Closed Session in the Teacher's Lounge at the Middle School at 8:44 p.m. for the purpose of discussing negotiations. The Closed Session ended at 8:50 p.m.

18 – 29 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Secretaries Association for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2018, and ending June 30, 2021.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 30 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:53 p.m.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public & Communications

None

Presentations

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

2.) Student-Athlete Excellence Awards were presented to seven (7) boys bowling team members, one (1) wrestler, and two (2) CTE students. They were each awarded with a Certificate.

3.) Middle School Principal Todd Schafer along with Teacher Dean Ackerman and Teacher Matt Gillett and Counselor Becky Husken provided a detailed Middle School Update covering the following areas:

❖ M-STEP Preparation and Results

❖ Student Council

❖ Curriculum & Initiatives

❖ Counseling and Student Supports

❖ Technology Update

❖ Points of Pride

❖ Looking Ahead to 2018/2019

4.) Academy Director Don Holston along with Teacher Rob Blume provided a detailed Academy Update covering the STEM Honors Diploma Program, which will open opportunities for more Armada students to receive a focused advanced STEM Education with the focus of One Armada. The following items were covered:

❖ Scheduling courses in the Academy as much as possible, but AHS when it best fits scheduling needs.

❖ Open to all Armada students who start freshman year as Honors math and science students.

❖ STEM courses open to all Armada students who meet prerequisites.

❖ Student Choice, Scheduling Plan, Benefits, and Future Program Enhancement Goals

❖ Students Advantages

Superintendent's Report--Assisted by Student Representative

Superintendent Musary displayed some photographs: 1.) Third Grade "In House" field trip learning about weather from CBS 62 Meteorologist April Moss 2.) March is Reading Month/Mrs. Goulette's Third Grade Class 3.) Tree Clearing has started at Armada High School. In addition, the Superintendent with the assistance of the Student Representative provided the following updates:

- Elementary Highlights — The Armada High School Drama Department students will have presentations for Krause students in grades kindergarten through 3rd grade next week. Also, Kindergarten Roundup is scheduled for March 27th.
- Middle School Highlights — The NJHS Middle School students are having a new and used children's book drive this month. The class scheduling for 2018/19 has begun for current 6th and 7th grade students.
- MA²S Highlights — The Fighting Pi robotics team ranked 5th out of 38 teams in the qualifying rounds at Gibraltar and earned the Excellence in Engineering Award. Their next event will be at Marysville High School on April 5th.
- High School Highlights by Student Representative:
 - Five (5) AHS students were named to the All-Macomb Academic Team. These five students along with two additional AHS students were also named to the All-BWAC Academic Team.
 - The class scheduling process has started for the 2018/19 school year.
 - The Snowcoming Dance was held on March 17th and went well.
- Technology Update — We now have 204 cameras in the district (71 before the 2015 bond issue): Elementary (46), Middle School (55), High School (82), MA2S (17), and Administrative Building (4).

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski provided detailed information about the following curriculum items:

- **Michigan Accountability Index Rankings** — The Michigan Accountability rankings are embargoed from public release until April and are not finalized yet and are subject to change.
- **MDE CBE Grant** — Interviews took place on March 8th for the MDE CBE Grant. The final decision should occur in the middle of April. The sum of \$50,000 was requested.
- **Governor's Economic & Talent Summit** — The Governor's Economic & Talent Summit event was Armada focused. In addition, discussed was the Medical Sciences Train the Trainer and the Marshall Plan Rollout.
- **Michigan Marshall Plan for Education** — There is \$100 million available to fund programs through the Michigan Marshall Plan for Education. The focus is to develop talent in response to the failed Amazon Headquarters bid.
- **Teach to Lead** — Teach to Lead is a partnership between the Network of Michigan Educators, Governor's Office, MDE, and the Federal Department of Education to solve education problems with input from educators, policy makers, and legislators.
- **CISCO Networking Academy** — Violet Fiddes will run introductory classes for networking and cybersecurity. There is a pilot programming component and CCNA Certification will be added later.
- **Transportation/Food Service Negotiations** — Negotiations with the transportation/food service groups will begin on Mary 16 or 17.
- **Summit Learning** — Summit Learning will expand to all of the fifth grade. There will be a team at the Middle School and possibly at the Academy. Kurt Sutton and Phil Jankowski met with the Summit CEO.
- **Business Leaders for Michigan Education Report** — The Business Leaders for Michigan Education Report is a blueprint for further education reform.

MISD Budget Oversight Committee Representative Appointment

Susan Nieman volunteered to be the Board's Appointment Representative for the MISD Budget Oversight Committee.

Board Reports

The Student Representative indicated that the items previously reported with the Superintendent completes his report.

Old Business

None

New Business

- 1.) Superintendent Musary indicated that his snow day waiver request has been granted; therefore, students and teachers will not be required to make up one day that would have been scheduled for a half day on Monday.
- 2.) Scott Kline attended the Community Forum on School Safety along with Mike and Phil along with administrative staff members (scheduled earlier from 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m.) and stated that it was fantastic. He indicated that there were about 70-80 community members in attendance and that it was handled well and good information was provided. President Kline relayed some of the concerns brought up during the forum.
- 3.) Cheryl Murray indicated that after looking at the list (provided by the Academy Director), she feels that it has gotten away from her ala carte from where we have been and is pleased about what she sees as to the direction of the Academy. Scott Kline agreed.

Points of Pride

Student Representative: Mr. Ackerman and his running the Summit Project and how well it is going and how it will eventually evolve to all three of the schools.

M. Meerschaert: 1.) Keenan Thompson continues to impress with his Division 1 & 2 ratings for the kids with band and orchestra. 2.) Impressed that Composer Darryl Johnson is using our students as a resource to provide feedback for the music that he continues to write.

C. Murray: 1.) Robin and the Theatre Program. Cheryl Murray stated that she went to the play and they did a really good job. She added that the gal that played Helen did an outstanding job. Also, people from Romeo and a student from Romeo to sign were brought in. 2.) The intermission collection at the play for charity. 3.) The Lions had a booth.

M. Musary: The Community for their attendance at the Community Forum (held earlier this evening) pertaining to student safety. About 70-80 people came to the meeting and it was a very good meeting.

S. Nieman: The men's and women's basketball teams as they have done a great job this year and we are back on track after a slump for a few years.

J. Tobey: The updates for the Academy and is very encouraging to see that they are moving in the way that we would like them to.

E. Genord: Rachel and the choral group as they are continuing to grow and succeed.

P. Jankowski: The Community for their attendance at the Community Forum earlier. He added that he stayed after the event to speak to some individuals and then he read a message aloud that he received from one of the attendees thanking the district for everything they are doing to keep the kids safe.

S. Kline: The Community Meeting. He is thankful that it went so smoothly and was so informative.

Judy Tobey, Secretary
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