

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
October 16, 2018**

18-75 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #1, the 2017-2018 final audit report as presented by Mike Evrard, Manager of the auditing firm, Yeo and Yeo. The results were: no unmodified opinion, there was a clean opinion, there were no material weaknesses and no significant deficiencies; all positive remarks.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

18-76 Motion by E. Genord, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #2 and award the CTE expansion package to the contractors as listed on the attached documentation in the amount of \$718,304.00, which will be funded with building and site bond funds.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

18-77 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #3 and award the high school culinary arts renovation to the contractors as listed on the attached documentation in the amount of \$363,794.00, which will be funded with building and site bond funds.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

18-78 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #4 and award the high school weight room expansion renovation to the contractors as listed on the attached documentation in the amount of \$768,584.00, which will be funded with building and site bond funds.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

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18-79 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #5 and award the high school locker room renovation to the contractors as listed on the attached documentation in the amount of \$392,137.00, which will be funded by utilizing sinking fund dollars.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

18-80 Motion by E. Genord, supported by M. Meershcaert, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #6 and award the high school theatre storage package to the contractors as listed on the attached documentation in the amount of \$71,715.00, which will be funded by utilizing sinking fund dollars.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

18-81 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Armada's outstanding principals and administrators.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 7 - 0

Board President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:46 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman.

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Hearing of the Public:

- Mr. Ron Wandel, former board member and a grandparent of an elementary student, thanked the school board and the administrators for doing a good job and for their outstanding programs. He thanked the school board for what they have done, what they are currently doing and what he knows they will be doing for the future.

Communications:

None

Presentations:

- 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.

Superintendent's Report

- At the Elementary, a speaker came in to talk to K-3 students about problem solving, empathy, friendship, and teaching kids the difference between tattling and reporting. Also, our dedicated teachers have agreed to stay late once a month to review Michigan's Literacy Essentials with MISD Language Arts consultant Dr. Lisa Rivard. At these meetings our staff will review recent research findings on most effective teaching strategies for literacy instruction for Pre-Kindergarten through 5th grade students. These literacy essential meetings are part of school's improvement planning process.
- The M.S. will be inducting 22 new students into the National Junior Honor Society on Thursday, October 25th. Also, MS sports is wrapping up their fall season – football, girls basketball, and co-ed cross country.
- The H.S. had several students participate in the Michigan Math Prize competition. Also, students raised several hundred dollars this month to help fight cancer with the Dig Pink volleyball game and the rivals against cancer football game.
- Ticket sales are going very well for the H.S. play (The Little Mermaid) which has four shows from November 9 – 11, 2018 and features 73 students in the cast – 25 elementary, 26 M.S., and 22 H.S.
- At MA2S, Mr. Roys' class has ten new laptops up and running. Also, Mrs. Fiddes' class has new technology for the CISCO networking class.
- Due to all of the new Chromebooks, we will be adding additional wireless capabilities at five H.S. classrooms.

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Curriculum Update:

- Phil Jankowski, Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, gave a detailed presentation of the Marshall Plan. The Marshall Plan will invest an additional \$100 million over five years to revolutionize our talent and education system. Michigan has more than 811,000 career openings through 2024. The Marshall Plan will help fill those openings by such things as providing the development of new career and technical courses, highlighting career opportunities, providing scholarships, upgrading career centers, and encouraging teachers to mentor others. Armada has completed the Concept Summary phase and is currently finishing the Talent Agreement phase. The grant application will take place in mid-November and the final awards will be presented mid-December.

Board Reports:

- Board Treasurer, Susan Nieman, reported that she and Cheryl Murray, Board Vice President, attended the State Board of Education Candidate Forum at the MISD. She suggested that the members google the candidates for office because it is an important position.
- Susan also attended a recent legislative committee meeting. They were told to watch out for the "lame duck" period that will begin after Thanksgiving. Some Legislators have been term limited out and will be trying to pass their agendas.
- Susan was also present at the MASB Regional Priorities Meeting where they were told that surveys will be sent out regarding priorities in terms of education legislation.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Proud of the audit and the fund balance being where it is.
- Thankful to Mr. Musary and High School Administrators for handling a Homecoming issue.

S. Nieman:

- Proud of the employees in the Business Office and their repeated success with the audit.

S. Kline:

- Proud of the school and staff with their innovative approaches to solving problems.

E. Genord

- Noticed it was book fair week at the elementary school and all of the doors were decorated nicely. Is proud of the staff and parent involvement.

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C. Murray:

- Proud of the Principals who give the district so much of their time and energy.

M. Meerschaert:

- Proud of those involved in the Cross-country meet and proud of the behavior of Armada students which she believes is a result of great coaches having a positive influence on our kids.

T. Seago-Fry

- Appreciates Phil's implementation of the Marshall Plan.

P. Jankowski:

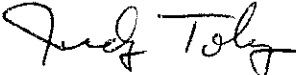
- Proud and appreciative of the Administrators in the district and the way they collaborate and bounce ideas off each other.

M. Musary:

- Proud that Dave Fredette completed his 53rd year as a tennis coach at Armada Schools. He ended the season in 2nd place at BWAC. He also has been receiving numerous compliments on the new courts. Mr. Fredette is retiring, but Mr. Musary thinks we will still see him.

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative - School Update

- Taylor announced that the seniors have been enjoying college visits and some of them recently took a field trip to Macomb Community College.
- She reminded the members that the school play is coming up and the students have been practicing for *The Little Mermaid*.
- Also, the students through the Health Occupations program have been replenishing the First Aid Kits for the athletics department.
- The last football game of the season will be this weekend in Marlette.


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education