

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
December 20, 2022**

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 Vice President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert,
E. Cooper, A. Blake, (Student Rep. B. Pearce)

Board of Education Absent: S. Kline w/notice, S. Nieman w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

22-87 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended. The Superintendent's Report and the Curriculum Report were moved after all staff reports.

Voice Vote: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, E. Cooper, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0

22-88 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education designate its regular/organizational meeting to be held on January 17, 2023 at 7:00 p.m. in the High School Auditorium. In addition, that any current Board officers, Superintendent of Schools, and Executive Director of Business and Operations be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the district until the election of officers takes place. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, E. Cooper, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0

22-89 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 15, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. November 15, 2022 (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$458,075.21 as presented.
3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, E. Cooper, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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22-90 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education Approve the district option to an 80/20 plan for employees required to co-pay on health insurance beginning January 1, 2023. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All: E. Cooper, C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

22-91 Motion by A. Blake, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education Approve the Preliminary Qualification of Bonds Application for a \$26,500,000 bond issue with a target election date of May 2, 2023. (Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All: E. Cooper, C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

22-92 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual (Volume 37, No. 1 – September 2022 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee. Further that, the Board of Education approve the name change of the compliance officer in the policies listed in the attached resolution. (Staff Report #4)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, E. Cooper, A Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0

22-93 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education Approve the textbook for 6th Grade ELA as outlined in the previous curriculum presentation. (Staff Report #5)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: All: E. Cooper, C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

22-94 Vice President, Cheryl Murray, adjourned the meeting at 7:41 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by E. Cooper.

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Hearing of the Public:

None

Communications:

None

Presentations

Celebration Years of Service for non-returning Board Members

Certificates were presented to two of the non-returning board members; Cheryl Murray for her fifteen years and Ed Cooper for his two years of dedicated service to their community as members of the Armada Area Schools Board of Education.

Student Awards

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” from Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate. The November 2022 Principal Awards were presented to the elementary students. Athletic Excellence awards were also given to the members of the cross-country team for their accomplishments in athletics and in the classroom.

Superintendent’s Report:

- At Krause Elementary, the 5th grade class went caroling on Friday (Dec. 16) at the Advantage Living Center. The 3rd grade class has a holiday concert this evening at Krause. The two Lego robotics teams did well on December 18th at the State Championships in Troy – The Tiger Pi earned a 1st place Innovation Award and the Cyber Tigers took 3rd place in the Robot Games and their coaches won the Coaches Award.
- At the M.S., the Pi-Gears won the Michigan FTC State Championship on December 8-10 at Macomb Community College – 72 teams participated and Armada teamed up with Bedford and Troy in their state championship playoff run.
- At the H.S., Troupe 7919 students earned Superior Awards at the Michigan Thespian Festival in Solo Musical Theatre (2) and Duet Musical Theatre; and an Excellent Award in Monologue; and two students were offered a combined amount of \$914,780 in scholarship money.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi will begin preparing for their season on January 7th. Their competitions will be at Kettering University (March 10-11) and Troy Athens HS (March 25-26). The State Championship will be at SVSU (April 6-8) and the FIRST Championship will be in Houston, TX (April 20-23).
- Tomorrow (Dec. 21) is the last school day of the calendar year.

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

- I. School Index Ratings
 - A. Released on mischooldata.org
 - B. Overall index ratings
 - 1. High School: 85.25
 - 2. Middle School: 84.09
 - 3. Elementary School: 80.47
- II. NWEA Update
 - A. [Preliminary Fall 2021 to 2022 Comparison](#)
 - B. January Winter testing
- III. January Professional Development
 - A. January 3rd: Virtual with teacher choice topics
 - B. January 16th: PLC meetings and/or ELA review
- IV. Curriculum Additions
 - A. Additional novel for 6th grade ELA

Board Reports:

Student Representative, Brett Pearce: Brett said that everything is going pretty well. He feels that there is less wandering of the halls at the high school. He still has an issue with the bathrooms because the toilet paper is frequently missing and not replaced. He would also like to see the availability of tissues in the classrooms.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele stated that she is appreciative of Ed and Cheryl's years of service on the Board. She was also pleased with the turnout at the Safety Forum.

C. Murray:

- Cheryl is proud of the cross country students, as well as the wrestling team and cheer teams that have been having successful competitions.

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E. Cooper:

- Ed is proud of the robotics teams and thanked everyone for their support while he served on the board.

K. Skokna

- Kelly was pleased to enjoy the band and choir concerts and is happy that we are able to have the performances again.

M. Musary:

- Superintendent Musary is proud of the Pi-Gears for winning the Michigan FTC State Championship.

Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education