

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 17, 2019**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room at 74500 Burk Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, J. Tobey, J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, T. Seago-Fry, Kayley Tolin (Student Representative)

Absent: C. Murray

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

Guests Present:

19-62 Motion by T. Seago-Fry, supported by S. Nieman that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 6-0

19-63 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 20, 2019 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. August 20, 2019 Workshop Meeting
 - c. August 20, 2019 Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Bills Payable for a total amount of \$ 711,382.54
3. Personnel Report:

The Personnel Report includes the resignations of Jessica Schlehuder, Kindergarten teacher; Claire Jablonski, Preschool teacher, and Tiffany Zurek who resigned from her Title1 position to take the open Preschool teacher position. Rochelle Schmitigal is also resigning from her food service position at Krause Elementary. The list of new hires is lengthy and includes the following:

New Hire	Neva Kirksey	MS Band/Orchestra	8-29-2019
New Hire	Michael Rose	HS Social Studies Teacher	8-30-2019
New Hire	Amber Patton	Elementary Teacher (2nd grade)	8-31-2019
New Hire	Cyrsten Hammer	Elementary Teacher (Kdg)	9-01-2019
New Hire	Heather Boyd	Elementary Lunch Aide/Childcare Asst.	8-23-2019
New Hire	Kathie Dillon	Elementary Lunch Aide	8-23-2019
New Hire	Jayne Miller	Custodian	8-30-2019
New Hire	Dean DeLange	Custodian	8-30-2019
Change/Addtl	Cammy Taylor	Preschool Aide-additional position	8-30-2019
New Hire	Cara Ricossa	Elementary Teacher (1st grade)	9-03-2019
New Hire	Alana Stump	HS Paraprofessional	9-03-2019

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New Hire	Amanda Maitland	Preschool Teacher	9-03-2019
Change	Mark McCollum	Elementary Aide	9-03-2019
Change/Addtl	Pam McNally	HS part-time Paraprofessional	9-05-2019
Change	Tiffany Zurek	Preschool Teacher	9-05-2019

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6-0

19-64 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:28 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey and supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

A parent who would like to chaperone a field trip for a friend's child asked if the Board of Education would re-visit the policy that only allows legal guardians to attend field trips.

Communications:

None

Superintendent's Report: Armada School Updates

- At the elementary, we have a record breaking year with 75 new students in grades 1 – 5 and were able to hire three excellent teachers prior to the start of school due to growth.
- At the middle school, we are offering a new culinary arts class.
- At the high school, Armada High School was the #1 ranked district in Macomb County as well as the B.W.A.C. for our 2019 SAT scores.
- At MA2S, Violet Fiddes is starting up a new Computer Club.

Superintendent's Report: 2019/2020 Budget Update

- 2019/20 Budget Assumptions (May 21, 2019):
 - 1,742 students (down 25 from 2018/19 State Aid Membership)
 - \$270/pupil additional State funding (Governor's proposal was \$278/pupil & Senate proposal was \$270/pupil)
 - No additional staff
 - Updated 2019/20 Budget Information as of September 17, 2019:
 - 1,782 students
 - Increase in revenue of \$324,440 to the budget (\$8,111 X 40)
 - \$240/pupil increase passed in Conference committee last week
 - Decrease of \$52,260 in revenue to the budget (\$30 X 1,742)
 - 4.8 FTE additional teaching staff
 - 7.6 FTE teachers left the district (salary cost \$498,520)
 - 12.4 FTE new teachers hired (salary cost \$497,530)

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Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, presented a report to the Board consisting of:

Grading:

- a. Philosophy - Help all students learn - no longer just sorting and selecting students for success
- b. Latest Feedback Granularity - how many standards?
 - Power Standards
 - Assessment of standards
 - Rubric for Rubrics
 - Gradebook hiccups
 - Limit retakes

M-STEP/SAT Scores:

- a. Trend data and graphs were shown

Habits of the Mind/Success

- a. **Elementary**
 - Kdg-Stop and think power
 - 1st- Focus power
 - 2nd- Remember power
 - 3rd- Empathy and perspective-taking
 - 4th- Conflict resolution skills
 - 5th- Relationship skills

Marshall Plan Update

- a. September 27 Staff Development
 - I. Morning - Dan Joseph will meet with CTE teachers individually
 - II. Afternoon - District-wide training on standards-based assessment
- b. Meeting with potential volunteers September 16 @ 4pm - MS Community Room

EpiPens

- a. New pens have been delivered to each building

Board Report: by Student Representative Kayley Tolin

- There is a lot of construction in its final stages
- The scoreboard has been delivered and everyone is excited
- Many clubs have now been formed and there have been many meetings
- Homecoming is next week with the game on Friday night, September 27th, and the dance on Saturday night
- This year's theme for homecoming is "Mother Nature" because the students wanted to bring attention to climate change

Old Business:

None

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New Business:

A discussion was had regarding the chaperone policy.

Member M. Meerschaert expressed concern about the half speed bump at the high school and thinks students will be swerving around it. It should either be removed or fixed properly.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- It has been a good start to the school year so far

J. Ackerman:

- Impressed with the SAT scores and is happy with the growth mindset to set continuous goals and not become complacent.

S. Nieman:

- Pleased with the staff, students, parents who show pride in the district and have promoted our school which resulted in extra schools of choice students

M. Meerschaert:

- Happy to see all of the employees of the district who are vested in our kids
- One of the bus drivers was also a spectator at a recent cross country meet and congratulated the kids who completed the race when he could have just sat on his bus and read a book

M. Musary:

- Grateful to all of the staff that had something to do with the recent construction projects
- Is happy and relieved to have the new scoreboard on site

T. Seago-Fry:

- Appreciative of Mr. Becker who teaches Ferris English and has been teaching the students how to write college entrance letters

P. Jankowski:

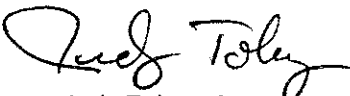
- Thankful to Robotics group setting up the equipment such as the CNC machines, Bridgeport machine and the 3D printers
- It is looking good and really neat and the teachers are on board with this new way of learning.

S. Kline:

- Pleased with how we are able to bring students in the door and how well they are performing

K. Tolin:

- Thought that Ms. Bastianelli's presentation regarding college information was really helpful.


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education