

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
November 20, 2018

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, by Vice-President Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: S. Nieman, J. Tobey, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, E. Genord,
Student Representative, Taylor Chambers

Absent: S. Kline, T. Seago-Fry with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

School Personnel Present: T. Tomayko

Guests Present: Student of the Month recipients and their family members.
Athlete Excellence Award for Cross Country Student athlete
recipients and their family members.

18 - 82 Motion by E. Genord, supported by S. Nieman that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 5 - 0

18 - 83 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- October 16, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
- October 16, 2018, Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
- November 8, 2018, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable totaling \$ 770,315.48.
- Personnel Report
 - New hire, Steven LeFever, as building trades aide (paraprofessional).
 - Appointment, Mike Denoyer, 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 5 - 0

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18-84 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve Staff Report #1, the first reading of the changes 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 : 5 - 0

Board Vice President, Cheryl Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:10 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public: No public comments were made.

Communications:

- Superintendent, Michael Musary, was asked to share communications from the athletic boosters:
 - The *Rivals Against Cancer Game 2018* and fundraiser brought in \$9,758.00 for the American Cancer Society.
 - Josh Trevino from Plymouth Physical Therapy is officially here for all of the athletic event home games.
 - Banners can be purchased by sponsors for \$400.00/banner, \$100.00 goes to purchase the banner and \$300.00 goes to the sport specified by the purchasing sponsor. There are currently two displayed in the gym, one to volleyball and one to basketball. There are nine displayed on the football field which all go to football.
 - Donna McCollum with her HOSA students are continuing to keep up with the team athletic medical bags.
 - There will be a coach appreciation dinner held on February 9, 2019 at the Armada Amvets. This will be for coaches, their assistants and their spouse or significant other for all the time they put into our student athletes.
 - The boosters met with High School Principal, Kelly Skokna, to inform her of the purpose, goals, plans and ideas they have.
 - The boosters wanted to say thank you to the School Board for advancing with the new school locker rooms and weight room. They say, thank you for all you do for our school, the employees and the students.

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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. Mr. Musary also recognized some cross country students with the Student-Athlete Excellence Award.

Superintendent's Report

- At the Elementary, the students learned a lot about the culture and customs of Estonia from our HS exchange student last week – our HS student talked about life in her native country, did a dance from her homeland, and amazed the elementary students with her many talents. Also, our parent group (TCB) partnered with PGS Dentistry to collect unused Halloween candy that was sent to troops around the world. In addition, PGS Dentistry donated \$1 to our school for every pound of candy collected.
- The M.S. inducted twenty-two (22) new students into the National Junior Honor Society. The MS Choir has been hard at work preparing for their first concert which will be held on Wednesday, November 28th at 7:00pm in the HS Auditorium.
- The H.S. received a \$4,000 Four County Foundation grant to bring in Mr. Tom Thelen to speak to our students about bullying prevention at a date TBD in December. Twenty-seven (27) students were inducted into the National Honor Society. Also, the HS hosted a LEGO robotic competition last weekend which was very well attended.
- At MA2S, we have the Fighting Pi 2019 competition dates: March 1 – 2 (Gibraltar), March 29 – 30 (Troy), April 11 – 13 (State Championship at SVSU if qualify), and April 25 – 27 (FIRST National Championship at Cobo in Detroit if qualify).
- Additional wireless access points were added in five (5) high school classrooms – room 1 (Band), room 8 (Jozwiak), room 12 (Haller), room 18 (Witgen), and room 40 (Reed). The M.S. received new projectors for their computer labs for instructional purposes. A new PA system is being installed this week at the MS.

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative - School Update

- The first trimester has now ended.
- Seniors worked on their acceptance letters, there was a competition and there was 100% acceptance for FAFSA.
- The "Little Mermaid" play was a success and was sold out. It also received a standing ovation.
- The Cross Country students did well and deserve much praise.
- A hiking club was started and at least twenty students participated in the first hike at Stoney Creek.
- Students are involved with replenishing the medical bags for the athletic teams. They have organized the closet and found a system where they replenish and restock the bags for the next athletic event.

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Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, provided a presentation of the following:

1. **Added Instructional Time Grant**
 - a. \$19,690.36 awarded
 - b. Elementary reading instruction & summer programming
2. **Four-County Grant for Anti-Bullying Speaker (Tom Thelen)**
 - a. \$4,000 Grant
 - b. Will speak to MS & HS Students
3. **ALICE Training**
 - a. District-wide training held on November 15
 - b. State, County, and local police attended as well
 - c. Very positive feedback
4. **School Safety Grants**
 - a. Armada was awarded \$47,825
 - b. Will be used for the following
 1. Enhanced classroom door locks
 2. Additional card entry modules
 3. Window security film
 4. Classroom first aid kits
5. **Marshall Plan Update**
 - a. Approved to move onto Phase 3 - Funding Phase
 - b. 22 groups left
 - c. Quick turnaround - Monday, November 26, 2018
6. **Momentum Magazine**
 - a. Armada career programs will be featured in the upcoming Momentum Magazine
 - b. Macomb County's Economic Development Magazine

Board Reports: Board Treasurer, Susan Nieman, provided a report from the previous Legislative Committee Meeting:

- With it being "lame duck" period, Representative Tim Kelly, is proposing the A-F grading system which is currently opposed by MASB.
- In their efforts to create innovative school districts, legislature is talking about increasing the requirements for teachers to receive their certification.
- There is a Legislative priorities survey for 2019 available on-line and board members are encouraged to please fill it out.

Old Business:

- Board Treasurer, Susan Nieman, wanted to know what stage they are at with the Superintendent Goals. It will be evaluation time again in January. She is looking for a one page list of specific goals. It was decided that the MI School Data website (which should answer most

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of the questions) will be shown to the board at the next meeting. From there it can be decided if additional, specific information is still required. It was discussed that a workshop also be planned in the near future.

- Board Secretary, Judy Tobey, asked for additional information regarding the wind turbine. Superintendent Musary agreed to follow up and get back to her.

New Business:

- Board Member, Ed Genord, asked how PowerSchool and teacher compliance is going. It seems there is a lag of information finding its way to parents from PowerSchool. The feedback of grades from teachers to students and parents seems to be delayed. Teachers need to be reminded that the assignment results are due within two days.
- Board Vice President, Cheryl Murray, asked if we are applying for the SET Seg Excellence Award and was told yes, but the awards are given out quite sparingly. Cheryl also said that at the Elementary School entryway, the benches have sunk into the ground and it looks "terrible". The high school benches are in similar shape as well. She is also concerned about the custodial budget and if we have enough custodians because the bathroom outside the elementary gym was also messy at a recent event. The floor in that bathroom appears to need a replacement.
- Cheryl Murray also received confirmation that the snow removal was outsourced for the driveways and parking lots. Mr. Musary informed her that a smaller plow for the sidewalks is being purchased for custodial use.
- Board Member, Michele Meerschaert, also agreed that the bathrooms were in terrible shape, but that it is possible they did not plan for such a high volume of people at the latest event. They were unable to find a custodian at the time as well. It was discussed that they may need to revisit the number of custodians to be on hand at extra-curricular events.

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Thankful for the bullying grants which make it a safer school.

S. Nieman:

- Impressed with the Cross Country athletes and their GPA's.

E. Genord

- Enjoyed the play and appreciates Robin Caporuscio for all of the work that goes into it.

C. Murray:

- Also impressed with the Cross Country students. They were dressed nicely and represent our district well.

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M. Meerschaert:

- Grateful for the ALICE training that is taking place in the district and thinks the message is getting through.
- Was happy to hear that the Kindergarten students who are learning to be kind, sent treats to the fire and police department to show their appreciation.

P. Jankowski:

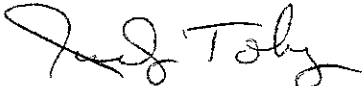
- Proud of the Robotics team and the volunteers. They get better every year.
- Happy about the teachers AEF (Armada Education Foundation) grants, with 25 of them being awarded.

M. Musary:

- Congratulated the 2019 college applicants and the process. He is proud that the students are taking it seriously.

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative:

- Proud to see such kindness happening at the high school as students recently passed out bracelets.
- Also proud of Elizabeth, the foreign exchange student, who is being so embraced by all of the students.
- Grateful to Principal Skokna who helps encourage the kindness and for making the high school a more positive place.


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education