

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2022**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Krause Elementary Cafeteria, 23900 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray,
S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

School Personnel Present: P. Lillie, R. Girvin

22-22 Motion by A. Blake, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended. It was requested that the Personnel Report and Minutes be approved separately from the Bills Payable.

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray,
S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-23 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the the Minutes and the Personnel Report portion of the consent agenda as amended.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 18, 2022 (Special Meeting)
 - b. January 18, 2022 (Regular/Organizational Meeting)
 - c. January 18, 2022 (Closed Session Minutes)
 - d. January 18, 2022 (Curriculum Committee Meeting)

2. Personnel Report

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-24 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable portion of the consent agenda as amended.

1. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$425,969.93

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray MOTION PASSED: 6-0
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22-25 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to amend the 2021/2022 General Fund Budget as presented.
(Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-26 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the recommendation of the names on the Sex Education Advisory Committee as presented.
(Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, W. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Nays: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED: 6-1

22-27 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the the recommendation of the redesigning of the Conservatory of the Arts as presented.
(Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote : S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-28 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education supports Michael Swiecki for the MASB Board of Directors.
(Staff Report #4)

Voice Vote : S. Kline, E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

22-29 President, S. Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:02 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by E. Cooper.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

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Communications:

- None

Krause Elementary Presentation:

Krause Elementary School Principal, Pam Lillie, and Assistant Principal, Robert Girvin, provided a presentation which highlighted some of the following:

- 2020-2021 M-Step Testing was highly successful. Krause Elementary recorded the highest scores in Macomb County in 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade math and ELA.
- There has been an increase in student enrollment by about 61 elementary students this year.
- There were 23 additional staff members hired at Krause Elementary for the 2021-2022 school year.
- Krause Elementary was the only elementary school to remain face to face last school year.
- There were 15 Armada Education Foundation Grant Winners this year. Some of the funded items were: new library furniture, light table, SMART board, Fidgets and more.
- Krause Elementary continues to focus on; support for new staff members, grade level meetings, Title I programs, testing, meetings, data review, and after school tutoring.
- The staff and students are looking forward to returning to the lunch room, having Family Fun Night again, return of parent volunteers, and field trips.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

2021/22 General Fund budget Amendment Highlights

- Total expenditures are \$1.2 million higher than the June 15, 2021 budget due to additional staffing, improved hourly employee wages & benefits, and additional grant funding. The district hired 17 new teachers for the 2021/22 school year (40% of teaching staff hired within last 3 school years).
- Revenues are up \$1 million vs. the June 15, 2021 budget due to student growth, higher per pupil funding, and additional grant funds.
- Fund Equity is up \$493,000 vs. the June 15, 2021 budget due to \$684,000 carryover funds (unspent budgets).
- Potential favorable future budget concepts:
 - District historically does not spend entire budget – this means the district fund equity will likely remain stable as of June 30, 2022
 - ESSER funding still “held up”, but Armada stands to gain over \$1 million if approved.
 - State revenues are better than projected which means a funding increase for schools.

Governor Whitmer has proposed a \$435 per pupil funding increase for 22/23.

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Armada School Updates

- At Krause Elementary, K-5 students participated in the 2022 National Career Development Association Art & Poetry contest. We had three K-2 students and three grade 3-5 students place in the top three spots in the state competition and their artwork will be considered at the national level in June 2022.
- At the M.S., five students participated in the Macomb Student Diversity Summit Zoom meeting today. One of our M.S. students won 14 Regional Scholastic Art Awards.
- At the H.S., ten students participated in the Macomb Student Diversity Summit Zoom meeting today. Four H.S. students won Regional Scholastic Art Awards.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi robotics team is preparing for in-person competitions this year after being virtual last season. The competition this year is called RAPID REACT where teams must use innovative engineering, creative thinking, and teamwork to reimagine the future of safe, high-speed travel, and lightning-fast deliveries to propel the next evolution of transportation forward. The robot must be autonomous for the first 15 seconds of each competition, then for the remaining 2 minutes & 15 seconds drivers will control the robot.

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

I. Sex Ed Advisory Board

II. Conservatory of the Arts Redesign

- A. Requires students to complete certain number of credits in concentration, participate in showcase and honor society.
- B. Receive seal on diploma, recognition at graduation.

III. February Goals Reporting:

By the end of the 2021-22 school year, each school and the district will show growth in reading/ELA achievement and mathematics achievement throughout the global pandemic as measured on the NWEA MAP Growth for grades K-8 and 9-12.

Board Reports:

S. Nieman reported that the Governor is still working on the Budget proposal that needs to be passed. She is working to help education and the teacher shortage with recruitment and retention of employees.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- The teachers and staff at the Elementary building. The presentation was very well done.

C. Murray:

- The combination of the Administration building and all of the staff. Having 31% of students School of Choice does not happen by accident, it takes good programs, teachers, and staff to bring them to us.

M. Meerschaert:

- The school celebrated National Compliment day and wrote compliments on bananas.

S. Wylin:

- The last varsity basketball game where we won and also supported Oxford Schools.

S. Nieman:

- Armada Community, parents and staff, and especially all of the positive posts on social media.

S. Kline:

- Budget, test scores, community involvement.

A. Blake:

- Great teachers, great Administrators, good presentation. Enjoyed seeing the student art from the art programs and happy the students can be recognized for their creativity.

K. Skokna:

- February 7th was National School Counselor's Day and we have many amazing counselors and social workers in our district.

M. Musary:

- Proud of the staff at Krause and would not trade any of his employees for anything. He enjoys working with the new Administration, in fact, he helped design Pam's classroom when the building was new and coached Rob when he was a student athlete in Armada.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education