

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
June 21, 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 Board President, Scott Kline.

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

Board of Education Absent: E. Cooper with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

Guests: Robotics Team, Greg Janicki, MASB

22-48 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as amended. Moved Strategic Plan Approval before the Superintendent's Report.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-49 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. May 17, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$502,566.63 as presented.

3. Personnel Report

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-50 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the attached names of Armada High School students having completed the requirements for graduation and received diplomas on May 25, 2022, be placed in the Official Minutes of the Armada Board of Education. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

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22-51 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution (attached) for the year August 1, 2022 through July 31, 2023, and that it be signed by the Secretary of the Board. (Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

22-52 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve Armada Schools five-year Strategic Plan as presented, with a copy of the plan to be attached to the official minutes. (Staff Report #3)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-53 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution amending the 2021-22 budgets. (Staff Report #4)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

22-54 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached Budget Resolutions for the 2022-2023 school year. (Staff Report #5)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-55 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the district to borrow against the 2022/2023 school year a sum not to exceed \$1,600,000 via a State Aid Note through the Michigan Finance Authority. (Staff Report #6)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

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22-56 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, 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 November 8, 2022.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-57 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education oppose the resolution "Let MI Kids Learn" Voucher Initiatives.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Nays: S. Kline

Abstain: A. Blake

MOTION PASSED: 4-1

22-58 President, S. Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by M. Meerschaert.

Hearing of the Public:

- One member of the public spoke.

Communications:

- None

Presentations:

Robotics

The Fighting Pi Robotics team presented their robot and spoke about the various things involved in being part of the team such as the concept, creation, presentation, and competition. They shared with us their many medals and certificates of achievement and presented the Board of Education with a plaque to thank them for their support.

Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the Budget information that had been previously shared at the Budget Hearing prior to the regular meeting.

2021 -2022 Budget Amendment Highlights

- In the General Fund:
 - Bottom line (Fund Equity) reduced by \$9,000 from February 15, 2022 budget amendment.

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- Revenues and expenditures both up over \$500,000 primarily due to state and federal grants.
- In the Food Service Fund:
 - Amended based on actual revenue and expenditures.
 - Pre-COVID budget was in the \$300,000 range and current budget amendment is over \$800,000 due to the federal government paying for all meals during the last two school years.

2022-2023 Budget Highlights

- In the General Fund:
 - State budget not approved at this time, so using Governor Whitmer’s proposal of a \$435 per pupil funding increase for 22/23. State revenues are up over the time her proposal was released.
 - Budget model keeps enrollment flat at 1,745
 - Pay-to-participate fees reduced to be in line with BWAC
 - HS – one-time fee of \$100
 - MS – one-time fee of \$80
 - Utilizing ESSER funding of \$1.6 million over 22/23 and 23/24 school years

In the Food Service Fund:

- Budget model assumes students will be paying for breakfast and lunches

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

I. Educational Goals Report

- A. June 2022 NWEA Board Report
- B. NWEA End of Year Report

II. Continuity of Learning Update

- A. Areas of focus: small class sizes, focus on mental health needs of students and staff, and tutoring (before/after school, as well as summer school opportunities)

III. School Improvement Goals

- A. 2 academic goals met: Increase % of students meeting growth targets
 - 1. Math: 62% to 64%
 - 2. Reading: 54% to 55%
- B. Continue to build relationships with students
 - 1. Pilot SEL program PurposeFull People at elementary next year
- C. Be kind, Be well, Be strong
- D. Establish common grading and reporting practices
- E. 2022-2023 Goals
 - 1. Improving reading proficiency by looking at our ELA curriculum
 - 2. Piloting Character Strong K-5

IV. HB 5190--Financial Literacy Course

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A. Armada already requires as graduation requirement

V. Camp Scrubs

A. 19 students, grades 6-8

Board Reports:

None

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Member S. Nieman presented a resolution to the board members asking them to vote whether they would oppose “Let MI Kids Learn” Voucher Initiatives.

22-57 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education oppose the resolution “Let MI Kids Learn” Voucher Initiatives.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Nays: S. Kline

Abstain: A. Blake

MOTION PASSED: 4-1

Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Cheryl is proud of the Robotics team and presenters this evening. It is a big commitment for the parents involved as well. The students are kind and they work hard.

S. Kline:

- As always in June, Scott is proud of the fiscal situation and Mike and his staff for the budget.

A. Blake:

- Andrew said that Kelly and Jordan did a great job at graduation. He is also impressed with the members of the Fighting Pi who presented this evening. He said they were very well spoken and carried themselves well.

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele was also impressed with the Robotics team members who presented and especially grateful to the parents and adults who devote a lot of their time to help the success of the students and program.

S. Wylin:

- Shawn is proud of everything about the graduation ceremony.

S. Nieman:

- Susan is thankful to the Armada staff, administration and parents who all play a part in the success and safety of the students.

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K. Skokna:

- Kelly is proud of the maintenance team whose members are working hard on their summer projects and preparing for the new school year. They are doing a good job.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary congratulated the girls tennis team and the boys and girls track teams for making it to the state finals. He also thanked Kelly Skokna for speaking at graduation on such short notice.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education