

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 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 President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, E. Cooper, (Student Rep. B. Pearce)

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake/with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

22-73 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

22-74 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve a closed session meeting to take place at the end of the regular meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Roll Call: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, E. Cooper

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

22-75 Motion by C. Murray, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 23, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. August 23, 2022 (Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$941,648.14 as presented.
3. Personnel Report

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

Convened to Closed Session at 7:45 p.m.

Reconvened to Open Session at 7:59 p.m.

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22-76 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from C. Murray and supported by M. Meerschaert.

Hearing of the Public:

- None

Communications:

- None

Presentations

Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, the Open House was well attended. Parents and teachers continue to be pleased that we are able to keep class sizes low again this school year. The LEGO robotics team is set up in the Enberg Gym this fall.
- At the M.S., we had a new “parent back to school night” format which went well – parents attended all six of their child’s classes in 12 minute stints and met the teachers and went over the class curriculum. Also, N.W.E.A. wrapped up last week. In addition, fall sports are off and running.
- At the H.S., the NHS induction ceremony will take place on September 28th. In addition, fall sports are underway highlighted by the boys tennis team having an undefeated season so far, including 5-0 in the BWAC. Also, the varsity football team is doing very well with a 3-1 record and ranked 11th in the state playoff rankings. The homecoming parade will be Friday, October 7th at 4:30 pm followed by a varsity football game at 7:00 pm vs. North Branch. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, October 8th in the H.S. auxiliary gym (last year it was held at the Fair Grounds).

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

- 2022-23 Educational Goals
 - Growth in reading/ELA as measured by the NWEA MAP Growth for grades K-8 and 9-12
 - Growth in mathematics as measured by the NWEA MAP Growth for grades K-8 and 9-12
- 2022-23 School Improvement Goals (MICIP)
 - Increasing student growth in ELA
 - Implementing social-emotional learning
- 2021-2022 State Testing
 - District Overview
 - SAT County Comparison (11th grade)
- 2021-2022 AP Testing Data
- Professional Development Update
 - Opening Day PD: Story Champs (K-2), Character Strong (K-5) and Jimmy Casas Presentation

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- PD Planning Committee
 - Met Thursday, November 15th
 - October PD focused on PLCs and vertical alignment
 - November PDs virtual
 - Compliance Training
 - Teacher offered topics aligned to goals
- PLC ½ days with ELA focus
 - ISD consultants meeting with ELA secondary teachers
 - ISD consultant met with administrators for elementary
- October Bullying Awareness
 - October 19, 2022: Wear orange for Unity Day
 - Each level 2 different activities week of October 17th
 - Class speakers
 - Elementary--Al, the Respect Guy (September 23rd)
 - MS/HS--Anthony Grupido (October 27th)

Board Reports:

Members C. Murray and S. Nieman attended the MASB Legislative meeting recently and met with some MASB lobbyists. A survey will be coming out soon of Macomb County legislative priorities for people to provide feedback.

Student Representative, Brett Pearce, was introduced and will be the student Representative for the 2022-2023 school year. Brett expressed his concern about the boy's high school restrooms that are poorly treated by some students. It was suggested that there be some increased custodial staff frequenting those areas during school and special events.

Old Business:

Member, C. Murray, has been expressing her feelings about the cashless entry to athletic events. She believes there should be a hybrid method (with cashless and cash options). Mr. Musary agreed that they would be willing to do that.

New Business:

It was discussed that parent/teacher conferences will be held in person and virtually based on the option of the parents. Conferences will be held October 12th and 13th.

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Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Cheryl is happy to see the band so active and practicing so hard this fall.

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele is proud of Nancy Couto for handling things so well during the recent power outage. She is also proud of how well athletics is doing this season.

S. Wylin:

- Shawn gave a shout out to Camden Khon who finished first place in a recent D3 cross county event.

S. Nieman:

- Sue is very happy that we hired a school nurse to take some of the responsibility off from the elementary office staff.

E. Cooper:

- Ed is proud of Nancy Couto's communication and dedication during the power outage.

S. Kline

- Scott is proud of Kelly for stepping up and adding the interim Academy and Ace Director duties to her title for the remainder of the school year.

K. Skokna

- Kelly expressed that the elementary robotics team has been a joy to watch and she is proud of their accomplishments.

B. Pearce

- Brett is proud of the new theater teacher, Mrs. DiFonzo. He said she has adjusted well and was an excellent choice for hire.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of his team and of Kelly for stepping up to make sure the jobs get done. He said that this is the new normal and it might be happening for a while.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education