

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 22, 2023**

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

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

Board of Education Absent:

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

23-68 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-69 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by A. Blake 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. (Staff Report #1)

Roll Call: C. Murray, S. Nieman, A. Blake, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-70 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 18, 2023 (Regular Meeting)
 - b. July 18, 2023 (Curriculum Committee Meeting)
2. Monthly Bills Payable
3. Personnel Report

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

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23-71 Motion by S. Nieman , supported by M. Meerschaert that the Board of Education approve the recommended appointed Professional Development Advisory Committee as presented.
(Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-72 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the following teacher tenure as listed on the attached report: (Staff Report #3)

<i>Jennifer Lucido Vendittelli</i>	<i>8/28/2023</i>
<i>Rachel Mathis</i>	<i>5/31/2023</i>
<i>Shannon Finkbeiner</i>	<i>6/25/2023</i>
<i>Sarah Mikla</i>	<i>6/27/2023</i>
<i>Melissa Martin</i>	<i>8/19/2023 (Highly effective 4 years in a row)</i>
<i>Sarah Prendergast</i>	<i>6/15/2023 (Prior tenure + 2 years at Armada)</i>
<i>Micki Buksar-Cecil</i>	<i>6/16/2023 (Prior tenure + 2 years at Armada)</i>
<i>Amanda Barber</i>	<i>6/29/2023 (Prior tenure + 2 years at Armada)</i>
<i>Jessica Hebel</i>	<i>8/24/2023 (Prior tenure + 2 years at Armada)</i>
<i>Holly Castillo</i>	<i>8/25/2023 (Prior tenure + 2 years at Armada)</i>

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-73 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education appoint Cheryl Murray and Susan Nieman as the MASB voting delegates for the MASB Leadership Conference in November.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

Convened to Closed Session at 8:05 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 8:23 p.m.

23-74 President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:24 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by S. Wolak.

Hearing of the Public:

Public comments were made regarding curriculum and positive feedback was given regarding the books that were approved at the previous meeting.

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Communications:

- None

Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, their back to school picnic/open house will be Thursday (August 24) from 4:00 – 6:00 pm. We have approximately 780 students.
- At the M.S., we have approximately 395 students.
- At the H.S. and ACE, we have approximately 560 students.
- District Theme: Every ONE, Every Day (same as last school year).
- AHS graduation is Wednesday, May 22, 2024 at Krause Elementary.
- AHS & MA2S students will be bussed back & forth every class hour, students will not have the option to drive themselves. This will cost the district an additional \$25,000 because there will be two busses running each hour. This is part of our safety initiative. We will allow students to drive if there is an occasion where they have to leave early or arrive late.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided an August 2023 Curriculum Update:

Curriculum Review Cycle:

2023-2024 Math

2024-2025 Social Studies

2025-2026 Science

2026-2027 – Electives

2027-2028 – ELA

2023-2024 School Improvement Goals

- 1.) Increase student proficiency in ELA as demonstrated by the NWEA
- 2.) Implement a cohesive SEL curriculum district-wide

New: Increase student proficiency in math as demonstrated by the NWEA

Board Reports:

- Member S. Nieman took a couple of classes at the MASB Summer Institute
- Member C. Murray shared the MCSBA Legislative Committee Calendar with the other members.

New Business:

- Member C. Murray will be attending and speaking at the Welcome Back breakfast in the morning and all members were invited to attend.

Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Member C. Murray is proud of AEF (Armada Education Foundation) and their successful golf outing as they may have raised a record amount of money for grants this year. She is also proud of the dedication of our staff.

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S. Wylin:

- Member S. Wylin is proud of the PalCamp experience and so happy to see the students building connections. The staff, administration and Tim Woelkers cultivated an amazing environment. It was a great time with great weather and it was an honor to still be able to attend.

S. Hill:

- Member S. Hill is proud of those who volunteered for parking at the Armada Fair. It brings in lots of funds that help the school. She also thanked the guests in attendance for having read some of the books discussed from the prior curriculum committee meeting.

S. Wolak:

- Member S. Wolak was happy and appreciative to see that two community members in attendance tonight took the time to read.

M. Meerschaert:

- Member M. Meerschaert is proud of all of the staff who worked so hard to prepare for the new school year.

A. Blake:

- Member A. Blake was happy to have taken part in the youth livestock auction at the Armada Fair last week. He found it cool to engage with the youth and is proud to have come from this community.

S. Nieman:

- Member S. Nieman is proud that some new teachers were hired recently and that a couple of them are former Armada graduates.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. K. Skokna was proud of Camp invention that was recently held and run by Kim Goulette. She also said that Nancy Couto, our Technology Director, has done a phenomenal job. She will be retiring at the end of the month and she will be missed.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of the school's partnership with the Armada Fair Board and said that he allowed them to use our bus loop during the fair and everything went smoothly.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education