

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
February 20, 2024**

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, Shawn Wylin.

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

Board of Education Absent: S. Nieman, A. Blake with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

24-13 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-14 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. January 16, 2024 Organizational/Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. January 16, 2024 Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes
 - c. January 17, 2023 Closed Session Minutes
2. Monthly Bills Payable as presented in the amount of \$ 1,087,414.74.
3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-15 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Superintendent's employment contract with a one-year extension through June 30, 2027. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-16 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education award the wireless network upgrade bid to People Driven Technology with a base bid amount of \$140,762.90. The district will utilize funds from the 2016 technology bond for this award. (Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

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Juvenile Diabetes Check Presentation from Armada Baseball Association

Chad Nikkel presented a check in the amount of \$10,331.00 on behalf of the Armada Baseball Association to the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation.

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for January 2024, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards.

Krause Elementary School Presentation:

Krause Elementary Principal, Pam Lillie, and Assistant Principal, Rob Girvin, provided a presentation which covered the activities, clubs, programs, and test scores at the school. Some of their points of pride are that enrollment has increased, class sizes are remaining low, and the math and reading intervention process is a success. Their greatest point of pride, however, is the students.

Superintendent’s Report:

Bond Update:

- Spring/Summer 2024 Projects:
 - Drainage/gutters (elementary)
 - Elementary Parking Lot
 - HS Stadium Renovations
 - New athletic support building (concessions, bathrooms, ticket booth)
 - Football/soccer field turf
 - Softball turf
 - Press boxes (stadium and varsity baseball)
 - Resurface track
 - JV softball scoreboard
 - Pave drives to baseball field and fieldhouse
 - Replace water softeners (elementary, MS, & MA2S)
 - Emergency generators (elementary, MS, & HS) – Ordered, but one year lead time on equipment
 - Replace select doors (interior & exterior) and rekey buildings (districtwide)
 - Ordered two new school buses
- Fall 2024 Projects:
 - HS offices and new entrance
 - MA2S secured entrance (possible summer 2024 project)
 - HS HVAC multi-year project to begin (Board to approve in April 2024)
- Fall 2024 Bid Awards
 - MS Cafeteria, Locker Room, and Retrofit Stage to become a Fitness Room (Board to approve in October 2024)

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Armada District Update

- At Krause Elementary, Kindergarten registration for the 2024/25 school year is March 5th from 4 – 6 pm.
- At the M.S., students will be scheduling their 2024/25 classes soon. Also, 8th graders and their families have an Open House at the HS this evening from 6 – 8 pm to explore the building and meet staff before they select their classes for next year.
- At the H.S, the boys basketball teams play at Richmond HS tonight and both schools are doing a pennies war fundraiser for the family of a young BWAC reporter who tragically died in a car accident – all funds will go to her husband and children. The winning school will be announced at halftime of the varsity game and the losing school’s athletic director will dress up as a clown for the second half of the game.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi are preparing for their first competition at Kettering University on March 7 – 9.
- Trimester 2 ends on March 1st and the last week of March will be spring break.
- All summer school programs will take place at the MS due to summer construction projects.

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

- 1.) NWEA Benchmark Testing scores were shared.
- 2.) CARE of SE Michigan Presentations:
 - 8th grade on March 5th
 - Virtual parent session March 6th
- 3.) Macomb ISD’s Diversity Summit took place recently. Fifteen of our high school students and five of our middle school students attended the event.
- 4.) Course Scheduling has begun for MS/HS students.
- 5.) Recent PLC, School Improvement and New Teacher Meetings have been taking place.

Board Reports:

Member C. Murray shared her experience attending the Washington, D.C. Advocacy Conference at the end of January. She and S. Nieman met with several of our representatives and feels that they are all working to help us in our school districts.

Old Business:

President, S. Wylin reported that she did not receive new requests to change committee members, so the committee assignments will remain the same.

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New Business:

Member C. Murray reminded everyone that there will be a pancake breakfast at the Lion's Hall this weekend to support the 8th grade Washington D.C. trip. Also, the County Board meeting will be held next Tuesday, February 27th at the MISD

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Board member Meerschaert was impressed with the Armada Baseball Association raising over \$10,000.00 for diabetes.

C. Murray:

- Board member Murray is proud of the bowling teams and the cheer team. They are doing very well. She is also proud of one of our students who raised \$1600.00 for a not profit to help stop human trafficking.

S. Wolak:

- Board member Wolak really enjoyed the artwork that the students had created for them which was presented on the back wall. She said it was extraordinary and she appreciates everyone.

S. Wylin:

- Board member Wylin enjoyed the recent career day at the high school and also enjoyed the elementary talent show. She said lots of kids showcased great talent.

S. Hill:

- Board member Hill is proud of the girls basketball team as they are doing better than ever. She thanked the elementary teachers and staff and was impressed with the math and reading intervention success and appreciates the small class sizes.

K. Skokna:

- Mrs. Skokna gave a shout out to the secondary counselors and the successful career day. She thanked all of the members who presented and helped with the event.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of the community members who attended the safety committee meeting this evening.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education