

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 15, 2018

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts of Sciences located at 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, Michigan, by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago, J. Tobey,
Student Representative
Absent: E. Genord
Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, K. Skokna
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, M. Carlson, M. Becker, K. Witgen, M. Gillett, C. Roys
Guests Present: 2018 Teachers of the Year and their families, Distinguished Scholars along
with their families, Student Representative's family, Students of the Month
along with their families, Robotics team students and their families

18 – 41 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 42 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- April 17, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$4,422,483.70
- Personnel Report
 - Employment of Kimberly Medley, Payroll Specialist (CO), effective May 29, 2018
 - Employment of Theresa Tomayko, Administrative Assistant to Superintendent, effective June 18, 2018
 - Retirement of Cheryl Pilato, Teacher (MS), effective June 30, 2018
 - Retirement of Diane Aul, Payroll Specialist (CO), effective June 30, 2018
 - Re-Assignment of Julie Malinowski, Food Services-Food Prep/Cashier (HS), effective September 5, 2018
 - Leave of Absence of Rebecca Phillion, Teacher (KE), effective 2018/2019 School Year

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 43 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee, which includes Volume 32, Number 2 and Technology Collection Phase IV.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 44 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

18 – 45 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:12 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public & Communications

None

Presentations

- 1.) **2018 Teachers of the Year** — Superintendent Musary recognized the efforts of three (3) district teachers for receiving Armada Outstanding “Teacher of the Year Awards”; specifically, Elementary Teacher Kellee Witgen, Middle School Teacher Matthew Gillett, and High School Teacher Michael Becker. Each was introduced and came forward to accept a gift from the district.
- 2.) **National Board Certification** — High School Teacher Mike Becker along with High School Teacher Mark Carlson were recognized for their distinguished National Board Certification.
- 3.) **Distinguished Scholars** — High School Acting Principal Kelly Skokna introduced ten (10) Distinguished Scholars of the Class of 2018. Students were introduced each presented with a Certificate and engraved paperweight from the Board of Education.
- 4.) **Student Representative for the Board of Education** — Our Board of Education Student Representative was recognized for his efforts this past year and was awarded with a Certificate.
- 5.) **Students of the Month** — Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Krause Elementary School, Armada Middle School, and Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a Certificate.
- 6.) **Robotics Presentation** — The Robotics team presented information and conducted a robotic demonstration in the Enberg Gymnasium.

Superintendent’s Report

Superintendent Musary displayed some photographs: 1.) The trees and stumps have been removed and the site is being leveled at the High School in preparation for eight new tennis courts and a baseball field. 2.) The roofing projects will most likely start May 16th, beginning with the Administration Building’s roof. The Superintendent provided the following updates with the assistance of the Student Representative:

- At the Elementary, a Relay Recess was held last week, which is similar to Relay for Life. Our students learned about ways to prevent cancer through some educational programs that Kelly Cmarik set up with Karmanos Cancer Institute. In the 5th grade, the students experienced what life was like in the 1800’s by visiting a schoolhouse for the day last week. The students dressed up in authentic clothing from that time period.
- At the Middle School, the students successfully completed the M-STEP process last week. Also, the Middle School Choir had a great spring concert.
- At both the Middle School and High School, Renowned Magician Anthony Grupido performed for the students and shared his message on mental health awareness and suicide prevention.
- At the High School, top scholars were honored at the Macomb County banquet, the BWAC banquet, and the Top 25 scholars breakfast at Timberwood Golf Course. Also, the prom was very successful.
- At MA²S, the Fighting Pi competed at the FIRST Robotics National Championships in Detroit on April 26-29, 2018.
- High School Highlights by Student Representative: A lot of the teachers dressed up for the prom with the full Jedi robe costumes and he stated that it was a lot of fun and we had a lot of cool lighting. He added that all of the desserts went with the Star Wars Theme. The Relay for Life is scheduled for the River Bends Park. A Relay Recess was held yesterday at the Elementary. In addition, there was a coin war and they raised nearly \$1,000 at the Elementary School. The Superintendent added that the Fighting Pi competed in Detroit last

weekend and did very well.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski provided detailed information about the following curriculum items:

- **Marshall Plan Champion** — Armada Area Schools has been named Michigan Marshall Plan Champion. The Marshall Plan focuses on a commitment to career and college readiness and on the cutting edge for competency-based instruction.
- **MDE CBE Grant** — The district has been allocated \$48,750. There will be monthly meetings throughout the summer.
- **Kagan Training** — Ten teachers will be participating in Kagan Training, which is Student Engagement Training. There will be 6 teachers from the Elementary School, 2 from the Middle School, and 2 from the High School.
- **Summit Learning Training** — Ten (10) teachers will participate in Summit Learning Training: 4 from the Elementary School, 2 from the Middle School, and 4 from the High School.
- **Negotiations** — A tentative agreement with the maintenance group will be shared next board meeting. Negotiation with the transportation/food service group is scheduled for May 17th at 12:30 p.m.
- **ALICE Training** — ALICE training is scheduled for next week. Subsequently, there will be a follow-up meeting with teachers and the rest of the staff with be trained at the kick-off meeting.
- **Calendar 2018/2019** — The early release days and half days for 2018/2019 the calendar has been determined.
- **NWEA Spring Testing Window & Accommodations** — We can now provide accommodations for special education students for NWEA Spring Testing.
- **NWEA/DRC Benchmark Assessments** — Frequently asked questions were provided for the NWEA/DRC Benchmark Assessments.

Board Reports

The Student Representative indicated that he covered everything he wanted to say previously in this meeting.

Old Business

Tami Seago asked if there was a crosswalk update since she was not aware of what has been transpiring. Superintendent Musary responded that a new overhead light has been installed and a flashing light should be installed any day now. He added that it has been time-consuming to get this task accomplished.

New Business

1.) Judy Tobey mentioned that recently Richmond Community Schools approved a measure for robotics students who qualify to be able to acquire credit for their participation in robotics. Audience member Robert Wahl was invited to join in on the conversation. An in-depth discussion was held covering various aspects. The Assistant Superintendent voiced that he supports this and indicated that it will be part of the annual grant received for this program soon. He added that one item that needs to be worked out is how it will be recorded and represented on the students transcript.

2.) The Superintendent mentioned a graduation matter with Project Graduation that was brought to this attention. He mentioned that this group wants to honor April Millsap during the graduation ceremony by having an empty chair draped with a pink ribbon, an honorary degree presented to her mother along with a bouquet of flowers, and the idea of the release of doves, which has since been nixed. Discussions took place and it was decided that something will be done during the graduation ceremony.

Points of Pride

Student Representative: Our Relay for Life Team (PLT) for raising so far almost \$2,000 for Relay for Life. In addition, he stated that there is an event coming up this weekend at River Bends Park in Shelby Township.

M. Meerschaert: Our Prom. She added that it had a great theme and a lot of the decorations looked awesome. Finally, all of our kids were safe and came home safe that night.

P. Jankowski: 1.) Our Teachers of the Year. 2.) The community and everybody when he was going through the Fraser search. Especially Cheryl and Scott for taking time out of their busy schedule and also Mike (calling from Hawaii), etc. He finalized by saying that it was just great to have the support of everybody.

T. Seago: 1.) Our student representative. She added “thank you” and that it has been a joy serving with him as he is an amazing student. 2.) The Robotics Team as they are so impressive and doing such great things.

S. Nieman: The Top Scholars with an awesome 3.97 average. She added that it took a lot of hard work.

C. Murray: 1.) All of the teachers who are choosing to do summer trainings just to make sure that our kids get the best education possible. 2.) She stated that she went to the World Competition (Robotics) and was amazed by the behavior of thousands of kids.

J. Tobey: 1.) The Robotics Team with how well they did and added that they continue to make Armada proud. 2.) The Cyber Safety Initiative that done at the Elementary School. She added that she thinks that was a great idea.

M. Musary: 1.) National Board Certified Teachers as it took an incredible amount of work and this is a great accomplishment. 2.) The students from the Class of 2018 as this a great bunch and he has connected with many of them and has really enjoyed it (referring to the fact that he has been Superintendent for six years now).

S. Kline: Mr. Wahl reminded Mr. Kline of how much he has meant to a lot of these kids who participate in robotics—not only our kids but from around the nation.

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education