

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
January 17, 2023**

The Organizational/Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada High School Auditorium, 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael G. Musary, acting as temporary chair until the election of the Board President. Terri Tomayko was appointed temporary secretary until the election of officers took place.

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

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

23-02 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

**ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS**

23-03 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect C. Murray as President.

No other nominations were made.

Cheryl Murray was elected **President** (with a 7-0 vote) of the Armada Board of Education:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Cheryl Murray assumed the meeting as Board President and continued the nominations for officers:

23-04 Nomination by Michele Meerschaert to elect Shawn Wylin as Vice President.

No other nominations were made.

Shawn Wylin was unanimously elected **Vice-President** of the Armada Board of Education.

23-05 Nomination by Michele Meerschaert to elect Susan Nieman as Treasurer.

No other nominations were made.

Susan Nieman was unanimously elected **Treasurer** of the Armada Board of Education.

23-06 Nomination by Shawn Wylin to elect Michele Meerschaert as Secretary.

No other nominations were made.

Michele Meerschaert was unanimously elected **Secretary** of the Armada Board of Education.

23-07 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education designate regular board meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule; with the exception of the month of August which has been moved to the fourth Tuesday due to the Armada Fair week and the month of November which has been moved ahead due to the Thanksgiving holiday. (Staff Report #1)

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Hill, S. Wolak

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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President, Cheryl Murray, asked the board members to contact her with their choices for committees and she will bring it to the next meeting.

- 23-08 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation process. The meeting will take place at the end of the regular meeting in a separate room. (Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 23-09 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. December 20, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
  - b. December 20, 2022 (Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$360,485.54 as presented.
3. Personnel Report

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Wylin, S. Hill, S. Wolak

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 23-10 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the proposed calendar changes for 2023-2024, 2024-2025, 2025-2026 which allows instruction to be scheduled before Labor Day. (Staff Report #3)

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, A. Blake, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, S. Wolak

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 - 0

Convened to Closed Session at 8:07 p.m.

Returned to Open Session at 8:42 p.m.

- 23-11 President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from A. Blake and supported by S. Hill.

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**Hearing of the Public:**

**None**

**Communications:**

**None**

**Presentations**

**Student Awards**

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for January 2023, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate.

**School Board Recognition Month**

Mr. Musary recognized all of the board members with a certificate and a gift to thank them for their service.

**BOARD OF EDUCATION 2023**

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Susan Nieman	20	December 31, 2024 (Partial term 2024)
Michele Meerschaert	8	December 31, 2024
Andrew Blake	2	December 31, 2026
Shawn Wylin	1.5	December 31, 2028
Sherrie Hill	New	December 31, 2028
Stacey Wolak	New	December 31, 2028
Cheryl Murray	15	December 31, 2024 (Partial term 2026)

**Armada High School Report: Andy Kastl**

The Armada High School Principal, Andy Kastl, provided the board and the audience with a presentation about what makes Armada High School such a great place. The full presentation can be found on the website. The staff at Armada High School makes it a great place because they are all committed to one goal and that is: Doing what is best for our students! Mr. Kastl provided information about the courses and extracurricular opportunities, great test scores, the success and accomplishments in theater, choir, robotics, academics and athletics. The future of Armada High School will consist of looking for ways to improve through PLC and professional development, adding new classes and technical opportunities, challenging the student to be their best by taking AP and honors courses, and of course, continuing to build the Armada High School family culture.

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**Superintendent's Report:**

- At Krause Elementary, NWEA testing will take place from January 9 – 27 (same in other buildings too).
- At the M.S., Commissioner Don Brown on behalf of the Macomb County Board of Commissioners, is honoring the Armada Middle School FTC robotics team with a Proclamation for winning the State Championship. A presentation will take place at the County Administration Building in Mt. Clemens on Thursday, January 26th at their Board Meeting at 3:00 p.m.
- At the H.S, this Friday (Jan. 20) will be the Relay for Life cancer fundraiser varsity basketball games vs. Yale.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi will begin preparing for their game called “Charged Up”. The robots will be collecting energy pieces with each team starting the game with a 15-second autonomous period where the robots run purely on code. Their competitions will be at Kettering University (March 10-11) and Troy Athens HS (March 25-26). The State Championship will be at SVSU (April 6-8) and the FIRST Championship will be in Houston, TX (April 20-23).

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

I. School Letter Grades

A. Released on [mischooldata.org](http://mischooldata.org)

B. Grade Summary Sheet

II. Educational Goal Report

III. January Professional Development

A. January 16th: PLC meetings and/or ELA review

B. Upcoming March 31st PD: CPR training for all, Heart Safe School

IV. Cognia Review

A. Tentatively scheduled for March 29th-30th

**Board Reports:**

S. Nieman shared a draft letter from MCSGA to Michigan Legislature. She reminded the board members of the MCSBA dinner meeting that will be held at Fitzgerald on January 24<sup>th</sup>, where they will be speaking about community mental health.

**Old Business:**

S. Wylin had asked about a workshop where they could discuss board code of conduct. She also asked for feedback from a survey about teacher engagement which will be shared at the next meeting.

**New Business:**

C. Murray mentioned to the members that an MASB winter weekend may be coming up and they can find the information about various classes on the MASB website.

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**Points of Pride:**

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Michele is happy to see more health programs and blood drives as there is a big need for blood right now.

**C. Murray:**

- Cheryl thanked her peers for allowing her to continue something that is important to her for the next couple of years.

**S. Nieman:**

- Susan was thrilled that four people were interviewed for the board vacancy and they were willing to come out and support the district. She thanked everyone who interviewed and said that they all did a great job.

**S. Wylin:**

- Shawn is proud of the music programs. She enjoyed the third grade holiday concert that embraced many holiday cultures.

**S. Hill:**

- Sherrie attended an Athletic Booster meeting and told the members if she attends their meeting she hopes some of them will attend the board meetings. She said that the Athletic Boosters do a lot to make great things happen for the students.

**S. Wolak:**

- Stacey is proud of the school and community for its advanced safety plan. As compared to other districts, she feels we are doing a good job.

**A. Blake:**

- Andrew said that the Rachel Mathis deserves credit for bringing the Culinary department to the next level. He enjoyed the dessert that they provided, and suggested having the rest of the meetings at the high school for the food.

**K. Skokna:**

- Kelly is proud of the excellent job that Mr. Kastl did with his presentation. She said that he is building strong relationships with his students and staff.

**M. Musary:**

- Superintendent Musary is proud of the new school board members. They have done a great job in the past and he knows that they will continue the process going forward.



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education