

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
July 18, 2017

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room located at 74500 Burk Street, Armada, Michigan, by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey
Absent: T. Seago
Administration Present: M. Musary
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, D. McCollom
Guests Present: Armada Paramedic/Firefighter A. Pfeifle

17 – 47 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 48 Motion by E. Genord, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- June 20, 2017, Public Hearing/Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,440,912.29
- Personnel Report
 - Continued Employment of Maria Cefali, Instructional Aide (MS), effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Continued Employment of Lisa Langtry, Instructional Aide (MS), effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Continued Employment of Nichole Hughes, Instructional Aide (HS), effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Appointment of Schedule B Coaches (per attached list) effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Resignation of Diane Barr, Technology Aide (MS/HS), effective June 30, 2017
 - Retirement of Donna Adams, Special Services Teacher (KE/MS), effective August 30, 2017

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 49 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the following appointments/designations for the 2017/2018 school year:

Checks Signature Authorization

Board of Education Officers, Superintendent, Business Manager

Savings Deposit Signature Cards

Board President, Vice President, Treasurer, Superintendent, Business Manager

Electronic Transfer Officer

Superintendent, Business Manager

Use of Credit/Debit Cards

Superintendent/designees, Business Manager/designees

Auditing Firm – Yeo & Yeo

Banks as Depositories of Funds

Fifth Third Bank; Lakestone Bank & Trust; PFM Asset Management LLC, Inc.; J. P. Morgan Chase; Comerica; Bank of America; U.S. Bank; Bank of New York; Huntington Bank

Newspaper for Publication of Legal Notices – North Macomb Voice

School District Attorneys

Thrun Law Firm, P.C.
Dickinson Wright, P.L.L.C.
Secrest, Wardle, Lynch, Hampton, Truex & Morley

Freedom of Information Act Coordinator

Superintendent or designee Executive Administrative Assistant

Posting of Board Meeting Agendas

Executive Administrative Assistant or designee

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 50 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the Preliminary Application for a \$6.6 million bond issue with a target election date of November 7, 2017.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 51 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the hourly wage increase of 1.5% for paraprofessionals/aides for the 2017/18 school year.

Ayes: Kline, Meerschaert, Murray, Nieman, Tobey

Abstain: Genord (*due to financial conflict of interest*)

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 52 Motion by E. Genord, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the recommended Administrative/Business Office Salary Schedule for the 2017/18 school year.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 53 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the extensions of contracts for Armada's administrative staff as presented through the 2018/19 school year, with salary and benefits to be determined.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 54 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of Replacement Policy 5630.01 entitled Student Seclusion and Restraint.

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 55 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education adjourn the regular Board

Meeting at 8:21 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public

None

Communications

The Superintendent stated that board member Tami Seago cannot attend tonight's meeting due to a township meeting. He added that Kathy Stork contacted her about board members working at the Lion's Road Kill Café at the Armada Fair. The Superintendent suggested an option; however, indicated that his Administrative Assistant will contact board members to see if an agreeable date and time can be worked out for a few hours.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Musary provided an enrollment projection for this upcoming school year. He added that we do receive a lot of enrollments in August; however, the numbers are real close to the budget projections.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski was out-of-state with teachers attending Training and provided the following Curriculum Update:

- **PRELIMINARY SAT SCORES** — The State is slowly rolling out SAT Scores for each portion of the assessments. SAT results are embargoed by the State and may not be discussed openly until released publicly. The embargo should be lifted sometime in August.
- **SUMMIT LEARNING** — The administrators attended Summit Learning training in June at no cost. The Middle School and Elementary teachers are attending training now. Software allows individualized learning and tiered intervention support. He will provide a detailed presentation next month for this pilot for Grades 5 and 6.
- **ADVANCED PLACEMENT TEST SCORES** — A chart was provided that contained the AP Exam Results from 2010 to 2017 reflecting that the total number of AP students has increased by 64% over the past seven years, the total number of exams taken has increased by 145%, the total number of students earning college credit has increased 130%, and the yield on percentage of students earning college credit has increased from 45% to 63%.

CTE Curriculum Update Presentation

Secondary Teacher D. McCollom indicated that she teaches medical sciences and regular health classes. She indicated that there are several public safety careers: EMT (which we have), Fire Academy, and Police Academy. She indicated that the EMT program was reinstated to be certified or licensed through the State. Previously, because she is not an EMT or Instructor Coordinator, it was taught as a Career Tech Class. There are about 250 hours needed for fulfill the EMT state requirements. The hours need to be a minimum of 48 in clinical hours (32 with EMS and a minimum of 16 of hospital hours). If students wanted more than the minimum requirements, they were able. There were 14 students in the program this last school year. Eight (8) students prepared for and passed the practical portion of the National Registry, which consists of 11 stations that need to be successfully completed. These students are planning to take the written component over the summer. Teacher McCollom indicated that we had one HOSA student that competed at the Regional Competition for EMT and received first place plus was a finalist at the State Competition. She indicated that it is hoped that in the future to expand our public safety program to add Fire Academy in the 2018/2019 school year.

Paramedic Firefighter/Lieutenant in the Training Program Andy Pfeifle. He began first by explaining the employability opportunity for providing the Fire Academy and then summarized the need for skilled jobs. There has been a significant decrease in applicants for fire service jobs although there is a 5% growth in the fire profession. It was also mentioned that there will be a big influx of baby boomers who are going to retire out of firefighting jobs. At the same time, he indicated that they have done a poor job of marketing their jobs and getting recruitments. So there is a real demand for these jobs.

He communicated the benefits of the program. Students in the High School EMT program, will walk out from High School as an EMT firefighter and are ready to go to work. Another scenario is when a student is 16 years old and in their junior year at High School, they can take the cadet program. Ultimately the goal is to have juniors

take the Fire Academy, while the seniors take the EMT course. He added that they can be joined together or can be taken separately if students prefer. There is a physical education component of 2-3 days per week because students will need to be able to lift and drag 100-150 pounds. Additionally, there is a language investigative paper required for fire science that utilizes language arts skills. When these courses are done in high school, college credits can be earned with possible college affiliation agreements.

Some of the overhead costs of the program can be offset by evening adult education courses for Fire Academy and EMT. In addition, local fire department chiefs have conveyed their support of this program and are willing to donate personnel for specific trainings and/or use (such as ladder trucks) or donation of equipment (such as expired gear to be used for classroom use only). The Armada Fire Department originated by Almont residents donated a 1997 ambulance for classroom use. This can assist students learn the most difficult task of loading and unloading patients plus run calls, work on patients, and call into the him. He added that a stokes basket for pulling people out of ditches/ravines or use by helicopters has also been donated to this program.

He summarized the presentation by stating that he thinks this is a win/win situation for both students and the community!

Reports

None

Old Business

J. Tobey requested the previously class scheduling information. The Superintendent indicated that he will check on the status. E. Genord stated that he is concerned about adding another class with high student numbers as he remembers what happened last year. The Superintendent responded that he will post this position. S. Nieman asked if the state budget has been approved. The Superintendent responded in the affirmative although there is a lawsuit going on about private school funding. He added that we should receive \$10,000 more than he budgeted. J. Tobey asked about the safety academy. The Superintendent stated that the planned order is first the Fire Academy and then the Safety Academy.

New Business

C. Murray inquired as to how the Fire Academy will be marketed. Teacher D. McCollom responded through flyers and using fire department personnel to talk to students. Firefighter Pfeifle indicated that he communicates with local fire departments, and this program will benefit them the most. Scott Kline suggested that we utilize the donated ambulance with signs to promotive our program at local festivals and events.

Points of Pride

M. Meerschaert: Proud that we are going into the community with the Fire Academy in order to help get kids interested in just more than the standard professions.

E. Genord: Glad that we are bringing in more CTE classes.

C. Murray: PLT students, Armada graduates, and Armada staff who participated on Sunday for their lifeguard training in order to get themselves ready to take our students for PAL camp.

J. Tobey: 1.) She agreed with the previous statement. 2.) The Staff that is in Chicago doing additional training during the summer to learn more stuff for us.

S. Nieman: Our Superintendent for pulling together all of the bond stuff so quickly and getting it on the ballot this November hopefully.

M. Musary: 1.) The leadership in both the Maintenance and Transportation Departments. They are going to

share a secretary. Matt and Paul are working closely together to make sure the logistics work because of the two different locations of their departments. 2.) We just received two new buses that are being sent to PAL camp. He added that blue stickers on them indicate that they are regular gas buses and not diesel. This will be advantageous because you do not have to plug them in before they are started.

S. Kline: 1.) Gave a shout out to the bus garage as he has never seen that facility look so good. Nice job!
2.) With that said, the Elementary dumping ground is all cleaned up and it looks very good.

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education