

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 1, 2017, at 5:30 p.m.
Administration Building Board Room**

POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES

Board of Education Present: T. Seago, E. Genord, J. Tobey
Administrators Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski
Guests Present: Dr. Wayne Peters of NEOLA

The Policy Committee Meeting commenced at 5:30 p.m. Dr. Wayne Peters of NEOLA reviewed policies from Volume 32, No. 1, plus policies from Special Release—Technology Update Phase III. The Policy Committee Meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.

Judy Tobey
Secretary

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November 21, 2017

The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery of the Macomb Academy of Arts and 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 (arrived at 7:10 p.m.), J. Tobey, Student Representative
Absent: E. Genord
Administration Present: P. Jankowski, M. Gosciowski
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, J. King, R. Blume
Guests Present: Students of the Month & their families, Student-Athletic Excellence Award Recipients and their families, T. Marasco

17 – 75 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, J. Tobey
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

17 – 76 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- October 17, 2017, Finance Committee Minutes
- October 17, 2017, Regular Meeting Minutes
- November 1, 2017, Policy Committee Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$2,167,248.90
- Personnel Report
 - Employment of Debbie Howard, Bus Driver (BG), effective October 20, 2017
 - Employment of Jamie Pegg, GSRP Associate Teacher (KE), effective October 30, 2017
 - Employment of Cindy Ford, Non-Instructional Childcare Assistant. (KE), effective November 13, 2017
 - Employment of Karen Gustafson, Hallway/Lunchroom Monitor (HS), effective November 14, 2017, job split (2 hours each)
 - Employment of Gwendolyn Grunewald, Hallway/Lunchroom Monitor (HS), effective November 14, 2017, job split (2 hours each)
 - Employment of Aaron Donohoe, Maintenance Custodian, effective November 20, 2017
 - Employment of Katie Dumas, Lead Preschool Teacher (KE), effective November 27, 2017
 - Employment of Marianthi Gardner, Elementary Teacher (KE), effective November 30, 2017
 - Appointment of Bryan Couch, Freshman Girls' Basketball Co-Coach (HS), effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Appointment of Greg Chambers, Freshman Girls' Basketball Co-Coach (HS), effective 2017/2018 School Year
 - Re-Assignment of Jennifer Porter, Bus Driver (BG), effective October 20, 2017
 - Resignation of Kelli Hoffman, Elementary Teacher (KE), effective October 20, 2017
 - Re-Assignment of Kim Friedmann, Preschool Aide (KE), November 6, 2017
 - Re-Assignment of Rachel Mathis, Food Services-HS Food Prep/Cashier, effective November 14, 2017
 - Resignation of Darla Grabowski, Food Services-HS Food Prep/Cashier, effective December 9, 2017

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 77 Motion by S. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education accept the Canvass of Votes Cast at the Special Election held on November 7, 2017, as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 78 Motion by C. Murray, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the issuance of \$6.6 million dollars of bonds utilizing a competitive bond sale process.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 79 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution stating support for the School Finance Research Collaborative and the work it is doing to determine the true cost of educating Michigan's public school students.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 80 Motion by T. Seago, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

- 17 – 81 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education adjourn the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public

Tony Marasco indicated that he had not heard back about his concerns regarding athletic fund-raisers/banner advertising and he also expressed concerns about the condition of the locker rooms at the High School.

Communications

None

Assistant Superintendent's Report

Assistant Superintendent Jankowski provided the following updates:

- Elementary Highlights—Students are beginning their innovation station/genius hour projects. On November 16th information was presented to K-2 parents on how to support literacy at home.
- Middle School Highlights—The first trimester Middle School Theatre Class just finished up a successful pilot with performances for the school on 11/15.
- The Theatre Department hosted their Annual Craft Show on November 18th.
- The Choir performed at the Brown Iron for Veteran's Day.

- The Armada High School Theatre Department performed *The Addams Family* and were able to raise approximately \$1950 for St. Mary's Food Pantry. There were approximately 1200 seats sold between all five shows. There were 120 students involved, including 15 middle school students, and 1 elementary student.
- Various upcoming events at each of the schools were provided.

Presentations

- 1.) Assistant Superintendent Jankowski introduced Students of the Month from Krause Elementary School (14 students), Armada Middle School (2 students), and Armada High School (2 students). They were each introduced and awarded with a Certificate.
- 2.) Student-Athlete Excellence Awards were presented to a Senior Girls' Golf Team member and three Cross Country Team members.

Curriculum Update

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

- **PowerSchool Unified Classroom Update**—The Assessment Component Pilot is taking place; however, the parent/student portal is not ready.
- **State Superintendent Whiston Visit**—The State Superintendent will visit us on December 7th.
- **Secretary Negotiations**—Secretary negotiations will begin after Christmas break.
- **MDE Proposed District Dashboard**—The public input window is taking place for the MDE proposed district dashboard.
- **The Governor's Education and Talent Summit**—The Governor's Education and Talent Summit is taking place March 12 & March 13. Teach to Lead is taking place on March 12. The Education Excellence Dinner is scheduled for March 12. The Business & Education Combined takes place on March 13.
- **Summit Learning**—Applications are open for Summit Learning.
- **Teacher Technology Survey Results**—Mr. Jankowski reviewed the recent teacher technology survey results

Reports

The Student Representative reported on various activities at the High School.

Susan Nieman indicated that a Legislative Committee Meeting was held recently and highlighted items discussed. She stated that MASB is looking for someone from Region 8 (which is us) to run for the Board of Directors. Mrs. Nieman indicated that the big thing right now is concealed weapons in schools. She distributed a sample resolution that MASB sent out for the Senate bills that cover that. Mrs. Nieman indicated that the Senate has passed their portion and after Thanksgiving it goes to the House of Representatives and they tweak it and have a reconciliation to come up with a law. MASB is recommending that local school boards enact their policies in regard to weapons so that boards can be held accountable by their community.

Old Business

- 1.) Cheryl Murray indicated that Sue Nieman, Scott Kline, and she went to the MASB conference. They learned a lot and there were motivational speakers and a trade show where numerous vendors were aware that we just recently passed a bond.
- 2.) Scott Kline asked if there are any updates regarding the lighted signs. The Assistant Superintendent indicated that not much progress has been made. Tami Seago asked if it would help if someone from the board could attend meetings. The Assistant Superintendent responded in the affirmative.

New Business

- 1.) Tami Seago indicated that John Paterek and the Fire Chief have committed to looking at the sustainability of the fire department plus the EMT program and have requested input at meetings to be held once per month.

Mrs. Nieman stated that she would participate in these meetings and indicated that she will contact Mr. Paterek.

2.) Tami Seago requested that we talk to three different management companies before we sign a contract for a construction manager for the bond project.

3.) A discussion took place regarding the subject of advertising and also not charging students to attend athletic events. Don Holston provided detailed information about gate receipts. Scott Kline indicated that he would like to see a proposal at the next workshop.

Points of Pride

J. Tobey: Very proud and glad to see all Students of the Month.

S. Nieman: Twenty-one (21) teachers that submitted grant requests to the Armada Education Foundation for over \$41,000. She added that we only have \$25,000, but had a good response.

C. Murray: The Armada Thespians. *The Addams Family* play was really good and pretty funny. She mentioned to all of the people that did the set work, it was really beautiful.

T. Seago: 1.) Kurt Sutton and his team for providing information to the parents on literacy and being proactive.
2.) Robin (and her team) and how she continuously gives to our students. It is a tremendous amount of talent that she has to take the students from the beginning to where they are at now.

M. Meerschaert: The High School Counseling Department (especially for Tamara DiLorenzo). It is her understanding that they arranged for Families Against Narcotics to come to talk to students on Monday about alcohol abuse, drug abuse, and the effects of vaping.

Student Representative: Student-Athlete Excellence Award recipients and making it to states to show their athletic ability.

P. Jankowski: The community for supporting the bond proposal.

S. Kline: Community members like Tony Marasco that provide great things for the board to talk about. He added that he knows that it is frustrating by community members because we do not respond right away, but it helps us focus on items to look at.

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education