

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 18, 2021**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, May 18, 2021. The meeting was held in-person in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect St. Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Jordan Ackerman.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, A. Blake, C. Murray

Board of Education Absent: M. Meerschaert w/notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, K. Skokna, K. Sutton

School Personnel Present: N. Ewert, K. Goulette, M. Fey

21-47 Motion by S. Kline, supported by S. Nieman that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as modified with the Bills Payable listed as a separate motion.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-48 Motion by S. Kline, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education agree to meet in Closed Session at the end of this meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations. (Staff Report #1)

Roll Call:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-49 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as amended with the Bills Payable listed separately.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. April 20, 2021 Workshop Minutes

b. April 20, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Personnel Report

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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21-50 Motion by S. Kline, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the the monthly bills payable in the amount of \$476,076.83.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman

Abstain: C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

21-51 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District Budget. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-52 Motion by C. Murray, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution confirming the ratification of the 2021 Refunding Bonds. (Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-53 Motion by S. Kline, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education award the high school bus loop reconstruction project to the low bidder, James P. Contracting, with a base bid amount of \$515,052.00. (Staff Report #4)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-54 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution designating an electoral representative, Cheryl Murray, and an alternate, Susan Nieman, for the MISD Board election and directing the representative to vote for the candidate, Theresa Genest, of which the Board supports. (Staff Report #5)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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21-55 Motion by C. Murray, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Monthly Extended Continuity of Learning Plan for the Armada Area School District as presented and with no changes. (Staff Report #6)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline, S. Nieman, C. Murray

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Meeting moved to Closed session at 7:57 p.m.

Returned to open session at 8:04 p.m.

21-56 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Custodial and Maintenance Association, for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024. (Staff Report #7)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: A. Blake, E. Cooper, C. Murray, S. Nieman, S. Kline, J. Ackerman

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-57 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education **table** the ratification of the agreement with Armada Food Services, for a three-year contract beginning July 1, 2021 and ending June 30, 2024. (Staff Report #8)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: A. Blake, E. Cooper, C. Murray, S. Nieman, S. Kline, J. Ackerman

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-58 President, Jordan Ackerman, adjourned the meeting at 8:07 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from C. Murray and supported by A. Blake.

Hearing of the Public:

- One public comment was made with reference to students wearing masks.

Communications:

- A letter from members of the community was placed at each board member's table.

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Superintendent's Report:

Learning Platform for 2021/2022

- Kindergarten through 2nd grade will utilize Seesaw.
- Grades 3 through 12 will utilize Empower Learning (status quo).
- 5 - 10 teachers will pilot the full Empower Learning system, including the gradebook.
- 5 – 10 teachers will pilot the Schoology learning management system.
- Google Classroom will not be an option (we are down to two learning platform options).
- The pilot teachers will also be on the PLC committee.
- The PLC committee will assess both Empower and Schoology and make a recommendation on which system to use starting with the 2022/23 school year.

Teaching and Learning Plan 2021/2022

- The district will return to 100% face-to-face learning in the fall of 2021.
- The elementary schedule did not change during the 2020/21 school year and will remain the same.
- The MS and HS will continue with the same two-week A/B block schedule as used during the 2020/21 school year.
- If allowed by the MDHHS, the wearing of masks will be optional (which is the current plan). The CDC and state of Michigan have announced that fully vaccinated people don't have to wear face masks indoors or outdoors in most settings and as of July 1st, all mask wearing will be optional. In the governor's previous "Vacc to Normal plan, at 70% of the eligible population being vaccinated (we are at 55% now), the MDHHS epidemic orders, which include the statewide mask mandate, will be rescinded.
- During the school year, explore a virtual learning option for the district.

Armada Area Schools 2021-22 Secondary Schedule

High School				
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Passing
First	7:35	9:23	108	5
Second	9:28	11:16	108	
Lunch	11:16	11:41	25	5
Third	11:46	1:34	108	
Common Prep	1:34	2:30	56	

Will alternate in two weeks session like this year for at least T1.

Middle School				
Period	Start	End	Minutes	Passing
First	7:25	9:13	108	5
Second	9:18	11:06	108	
Lunch	11:06	11:31	25	5
Third	11:36	1:24	108	
Common Prep	1:24	2:20		

Will alternate in two weeks session like this year for at least T1.

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Armada District Update

- At Krause Elementary, the students had their Relay Recess on May 14 to raise funds for cancer research. Super Kids Day is next Monday (May 24).
- At the M.S., students did their trash bag school fundraiser in May. Also, students have completed their 2021/22 scheduling requests.
- At the H.S., this is the final week for seniors and the AHS graduation ceremony is next week on Wednesday, May 26th at 6:00 pm. Last week, the students took their last AP exam. On Saturday (May 15), the students did their Relay for Life cancer research fundraiser and raised close to \$6,000.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi have won a State Chairman's Award (2nd 2021 banner of the season for the Enberg Gym). They are also competing for a FIRST Championship Chairman's Award which will be announced in late June.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, provided an update of the following:

Participation Report

District Name: Armada Area Schools									District 50050									
Month	Elementary	Junior High	High School	Special Education	Other	Total	Elementary	Junior High	High School	Special Education	Other	Total	Elementary	Junior High	High School	Special Education	Other	Total
4/13/2021	728	371	2	516		1617	679	329	1	449		1458	1458					90.16697588
					76	14	42					101						76.51515152
4/20/2021	728	371	2	516		1617	682	298	0	385		1365	1365					84.41558442
					76	14	42					132			60	9	31	75.75757576
4/27/2021	729	371	2	516		1618	675	289	1	437		1402	1402					86.65018541
					76	14	42					132			56	8	36	75.75757576
5/4/2021	729	371	2	518		1618	693	320	1	481		1495	1495					92.39802225
					76	14	42					132			52	11	36	99
																		75

Board Reports:

None

Old Business:

Per a discussion between Member E. Cooper and Superintendent Musary, the district will once a year publish, in a letter or on the website, the process for contacting the Human Resources Department along with their defined roles.

New Business:

Member C. Murray asked about the 2021-22 school calendar and was told that it would be out tomorrow.

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Mr. Cooper is proud of those who coordinated and participated in the Relay for Life cancer research fundraiser.

J. Ackerman:

- Mr. Ackerman expressed his appreciation to Phil for the light he has shed on the Armada School District. He also thanked the board members for their respectful help and guidance as he navigates through his new role at Board President.

S. Nieman:

- Ms. Nieman thanked Superintendent Musary for handling the bond refunding. She said it is a complicated process and he had the right people working on it and it saved the district around a million dollars.

C. Murray:

- Ms. Murray said that she is proud of Phil and Kurt and they have represented this district well. She congratulated them, as they are continuing their careers in other districts. She is sad to see them go, but is excited for them at the same time.

S. Kline:

- Mr. Kline said good luck, thank you and congratulations to Phil. He also gave a shout out to all because in the end, everyone did a good job getting through the school year.

A. Blake:

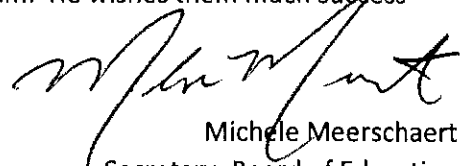
- Mr. Blake gave kudos to Superintendent Musary for hearing the need for a decision on the learning platform. He thinks he is doing the right thing and those nagging issues will be resolved going forward.

P. Jankowski:

- Mr. Jankowski is proud of the top scholars and the scholarship winners of this school year. He was also proud to see that a former Armada High School student represented us well as she graduated as a top scholar from Oakland University this year.

M. Musary:

- Superintendent Musary congratulated the girl's tennis team. They are the BWAC champs and will go to regional competition this Friday. He also thanked Kurt Sutton and Phil Jankowski for having been such a great addition to his administrative team. He wishes them much success and knows that they will do well.


Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education