

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 20, 2021

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, April 20, 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 (Virtual from Florida), E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert,
J. Ackerman, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Board of Education Absent: C. Murray until final action item, then joined virtually (from
Armada, MI)

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, P. Lilly

School Personnel Present: K. Witgen, J. McDevitt

21-38 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline (Virtual vote), S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-39 Motion by A. Blake, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education agree to meet in Closed Session at the end of this meeting for the purpose of discussing negotiations.

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline (Virtual vote), S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-40 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. March 16, 2021 Regular Meeting Minutes

2. Monthly bills payable in the amount of \$517,604.20.

3. Personnel Report: Appointment of Julie Grewe to head cook at HS, acceptance of one year leave of absence for a teacher, approval of updated spring coaching list.

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline (Virtual vote), S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

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21-41 Motion by A. Blake, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education table the First reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 34, No. 2) until the May meeting.

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline (Virtual vote), S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

21-42 Motion by M. Meerschaert, 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.

Ayes: J. Ackerman, A. Blake, E. Cooper, S. Kline (Virtual vote), S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6-0

Meeting moved to Closed session at 8:40 p.m.

Returned to open session at 9:34 p.m.

21-43 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education ratify the agreement with the Armada Education Association, MEA-NEA, Local 1, Armada, MI , for a three year contract beginning September 2021 and ending August 31, 2024.

Ayes: A. Blake, E. Cooper, C. Murray (returned to the meeting virtually), S. Nieman, M.

Meerschaert

Abstain: S. Kline, J. Ackerman

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

21-44 President, Jordan Ackerman, adjourned the meeting at 9:36 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Nieman and supported by E. Cooper.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications.

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Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, tomorrow is Wacky Wednesday and students can dress up in mismatched colors and donate to the Samaritan House (toothbrushes, shaving cream, shampoo, and deodorant). Also, M-STEP testing began yesterday for 5th grade students.
- At the M.S., PSAT testing took place last week and the M-STEP begins tomorrow for 8th grade students.
- At the H.S., 19 students made the Macomb County All-Academic team – this is the most ever by any high school in the county (28 high schools total).
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi have won a District Level Chairman's Award with their virtual competition (2021 banner for the Enberg Gym). They are also competing for a State Chairman's Award which will be announced on May 15th.

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

- Information and options were provided for the 2021-22 Schedule.
- State Assessment information: We are exceeding 80% participation rate, more of the virtual students have switched to in-person, SAT and PSAT testing went very well.
- Summer school options were proposed for each building.
- Special Education After School Program – a presentation was provided by Nicole Ewert.
- April 23, 2021 will be PLC day for Empower to clean up items for the following year.
- The student participation report was provided.
- A Learning Management System presentation was provided which helped to explain the various learning platforms and how Empower was selected.

Board Reports:

The Student Board of Education Representative, Madisen Ruczynski, shared a report:

- Madisen provided an update on the nature club. They are constructing an aquaponic and hydroponic system and the mural is almost complete. Also, the National Honor Society has planted flowers around the high school to prepare for the upcoming graduation.

S. Nieman - Reminded the board members to sign up for the MASB legislative weekly reports as they are very informative.

M. Musary – Reminded the members of the board that high school graduation will take place outdoors on May 26, 2021, at 6:00 p.m.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Proud of the secretaries and staff members and those doing the testing and their extra work to make sure the students are safe.

M. Meerschaert:

- Proud of the Armada girls bowling coach, Randy Medley, who was recently named D3 Girls 2021 Coach of the Year. He is an unpaid volunteer coach, which proves his dedication to the students.

J. Ackerman:

- Proud of the teachers, because despite all of the challenges in the past year, they put a smile on their face for the kids.

S. Nieman:

- Proud of the area student who was recently in the Macomb Daily for her global awareness project which was picking up the trash along the area ditches. Sue is proud that young people like this student are looking at the bigger picture in life.

S. Kline:

- Proud of the Fighting Pi who have won a District Level Chairman's award with their virtual competition. He is also proud of all of the people involved in the robotics program as they put a lot of time and work into it.

A. Blake:

- Proud of the 19 students who made the Macomb County All-Academic team and nice to see that our students are able to balance academics and athletics successfully.

P. Jankowski:

- Proud of the outstanding teachers of the year and all of the teachers for their dedication.

Student Representative:

- Proud of how hard the Nature Club members have worked this year.

M. Musary:

- Tomorrow is Administrative Professionals Day and he is proud of his entire clerical staff. They are outstanding and he appreciates each and every one of them.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education