

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
September 21 2021**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, September 21, 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, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray A. Blake, S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert, M. Marasco (Student Rep.)

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

School Personnel Present: M. Carlson

21-84 Motion by A. Blake, supported by E. Cooper that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-85 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

**1. Approval of Minutes**

a. August 17, 2021 (Curriculum Committee Meeting)

b. August 17, 2021 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

**2. Monthly bills payable in the amount of \$488,320.81**

**3. Personnel Report**

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake, S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

21-86 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the Second reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual (Volume 35, No. 2 – Spring 2021 updates, the Nondiscrimination Policies and the EDGAR updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake, S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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- 21-87 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve that the following teachers receive tenure: (Staff Report #2)

Kylie Malburg – effective 10/27/2020  
Joshua Bobek – effective 7/31/2021  
Christopher Haller – effective 9/18/2021  
Bethany Falker – effective 8/20/2021 (prior tenure + two years at Armada)  
Megan Fey – effective 8/21/2021 (due to Highly Effective ratings 4 yrs in a row)  
Karla Parenteau – effective 8/22/2021 (due to HE ratings 4 yrs in a row)  
Andrea Seaton – Clarification - Originally Tenured 7/14/2010 - Returned 2018 and tenured 6/26/2020

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake, S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

- 21-88 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Following Professional Development Committee members: (Staff Report #3)

**Teachers:**

Mark Carlson  
Thomas Austin  
Patty Paxton  
Kylie Malburg  
Renee Jozwiak

**Non-Instructional:**

Kate Felcyn

**Parent:**

(a parent that is not a staff member will be appointed)

**Administrators:**

Jordan Ackerman  
Kelly Skokna

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake, S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

- 21-89 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by A. Blake.

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**Hearing of the Public:** No comments were made.

**Communications:**

None

**Superintendent's Report:**

- At Krause Elementary, the Open House was well attended. Parents and teachers have been pleased that we are able to keep class sizes low with the addition of the new staff members.
- At the M.S., N.W.E.A testing began this week. Also, fall sports are off and running. In addition, the NJS application window has opened up for students.
- At the H.S., two students received a Letter of Commendation from the National Merit Scholarship program. Also, the NHS induction ceremony will take place on September 29<sup>th</sup>. In addition, fall sports are underway highlighted by the boys tennis team and varsity football teams which are both undefeated in the BWAC. The homecoming parade will be Friday, October 1<sup>st</sup> at 4:30 pm followed by a varsity football game at 7:00 pm vs. Imlay City. The homecoming dance will be Saturday, October 2<sup>nd</sup> at the Fair Grounds.
- Through the first three weeks of school, the district has had 13 students (6 elementary, 2 middle school, and 5 high school) and one middle school staff member test positive for COVID-19. In addition to those who have contracted COVID-19, eight students (2 elementary, 3 middle school, and 3 high school students) were required to quarantine at home for ten days due to our cases.

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

- I. Received waiver approval from the state
  - A. Reduced the number of requirement minutes
  - B. Had to prorate our PD days
  - C. Added a ½ day for secondary students on October 15th
- II. Spring Test Score Results
  - A. HS SAT/PSAT Results
  - B. 8th grade PSAT Results
  - C. M-STEP Results
  - D. County Comparison of SAT and M-Step
- III. 21-22 Educational Goals Report
- IV. Opening PD Professional Development
  - A. Included Empower/Schoology
  - B. Oct. 15 PD will be a continuance

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**MASB DELEGATE APPOINTMENTS:** Susan Nieman and Cheryl Murray were appointed as the MASB delegates and Shawn Wylin was chosen as the alternate.

**Board Reports:** New student Board Member, Marissa Marasco, was introduced.

Marissa Marasco shared that Homecoming preparation is underway. They are planning an outside pep assembly, Spirit Day, and dance at the fairgrounds. NHS is working on involving all 3 schools in Unity Day. PLT is working on Relay \$ Life, and the Nature Club is working on planting some trees that were destroyed from the tornado. She also noted that the football team has been winning and there was a large student section.

Sue Nieman shared that Macomb County held their legislative meeting; the AEA allocated \$30,000.00 worth of grants for teachers. Grant applications are due at the end of October; if there are any interested Board members who would like to attend the MASB Annual Leadership Conference, they should let Terri know by this Friday; there is also a virtual Superintendent Evaluation training being held on October 5th.

**Old Business:**

Mr. Musary updated the Board on athletic fields, fences, and track surface repairs since the tornado.

**New Business:**

Cheryl Murray asked Scott Kline to provide an explanation of who can speak for the Board; Scott Kline explained that it is either the Superintendent or Board President.

**Points of Pride:**

**E. Cooper:**

- The middle school girls cross country team had their 5th straight BWAC win, undefeated for 3 straight seasons.

**S. Nieman:**

- Student council, HS staff and parents who came together and are making Homecoming happen this year.

**C. Murray:**

- Our students, good representatives of the school.

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Nature Club, excited to see them planting trees.

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S. Kline:

- An Anchor Bay representative shared that they were impressed by their new superintendent; new administrators did a great job starting the year; school put on a very professional show at the football game.

A. Blake:

- Football team has created a lot of local energy. Good to see a successful football team.

S. Wylin:

- The elementary Back-to-School Picnic, very well done and the staff had a lot of energy.

M. Marasco:

- Students at the home and away football games, participating in clubs and sporting events.

K. Skokna:

- Test scores. It was a tough year for students and staff, and it was nice to be able to share some positive news with them.

M. Musary:

- Test scores and the boys tennis team is in 1st place in the BWAC.



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education