

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 19, 2022**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board Vice President, Cheryl Murray.

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

Board of Education Absent: S. Kline, A. Blake w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna, M. Duletzke

School Admin. /Personnel Present: M. Duletzke, R. Penn

22-36 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda with modifications to the consent agenda. (A request was made to vote the monthly bills payable separately. )

**Voice Vote:** E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-37 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the the Minutes and the Personnel Report portion of the Consent Agenda as modified.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. March 15, 2022 (Building and Site Committee Meeting Minutes)

b. March 15, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

c. March 30, 2022 (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes)

2. Personnel Report

**Voice Vote:** E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-38 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$486,776.33 as presented.

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray

MOTION PASSED: 4-0

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22-39 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 36, No. 2 – February 2022 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education’s Policy Committee. (Staff Report #1)

**Voice Vote:** E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-40 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education accept the Superintendent goals for the coming year.

**Voice Vote:** E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

22-41 Vice President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 7:52 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Wylin and supported by S. Nieman.

**Hearing of the Public:**

- No public comments were made.

**Communications:**

- None

**Paraprofessional of the Year Award:**

Mr. Musary announced that this was the first year they have decided to recognize an outstanding paraprofessional. Renee Penn was voted by her peers to be the 2021-2022 Paraprofessional of the Year at Armada Area Schools. Mr. Musary presented her with an award.

**Special Education Department Presentation:**

Melanie Duletzke, Special Services Director, provided a Special Education presentation which included the following information:

- Graduation rate of Armada special education students is at 90.9%
- Dropout rate of Armada special education students is at 0
- Early Childhood transition, secondary transition, timely IEP’s all at 100%
- Six new special education professional staff members were hired this year
- More training opportunities have been made for our paraprofessionals

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- Looking for a math intervention curriculum
- Analyzing the needs of the students as a result of the pandemic

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

**Armada School Updates**

- At Krause Elementary, the Armada Lions Club will be donating 1,000 mini trees for Krause Elementary students (preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade) and staff so they can plant them at home. They will be delivered toward the end of the school day on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Each tree will be individually bagged – they will be tiny. Any extra trees, we can plant on campus.
- At the M.S., PSAT and M-STEP testing began last week and will conclude next week.
- At the H.S., the Armada's Got Talent Show HS/MS Edition will be tomorrow (April 20) night at the AHS auditorium (cost is \$5 at the door).
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi reached the quarterfinals at the MCC District competition and won the Industrial Design Award. At the State Championship at SVSU last weekend, the Fighting Pi finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the State out of 450 teams competing this year. Also, the team was one of four teams that earned the State Chairman's Award.
- Next school year (2022-23):
  - All secondary schools will return to a six-period day.
  - All student (K-12) lunches will be served in the cafeteria.
  - Hallway lockers will be made available to middle school and high school students.
  - Parent volunteers will be allowed in all buildings.

**Potential November 8, 2022 \$26.5 Million Bond Issue Highlights**

(Will not increase taxes)

- New secured H.S. main entry and offices
- New secured MA2S main entry
- Additional elementary parking – new northeast section
- Major upgrade to H.S. boiler and HVAC system
- Upgrades to elementary, M.S., and MA2S HVAC systems
- Replace elementary entry doors
- Repave elementary bus loop, front drive, and Tiger Track
- Expand M.S. cafeteria
- Repurpose M.S. stage area to a new weight room
- Renovate M.S. locker rooms
- Repave H.S. circle drive and drives to athletic facilities
- Replace H.S. foyer flooring
- Replace select interior and exterior H.S. doors
- Replace H.S. lighting
- Resurface H.S. track

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- Build new concession/bathrooms at main entry of Krause Field
- Install H.S. synthetic turf soccer/football field
- Install H.S. synthetic turf varsity softball field
- New stadium and baseball press boxes
- Purchase student and staff furniture throughout the district
- Purchase nine (9) new school busses
- Repave bus lot, widen the bus drive, and add new lighting to bus drive
- Replace select roofing at M.S., H.S., and MA2S
- Demo “old” tennis courts – new grass practice area for marching band

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

- I. Curriculum Additions/Changes
  - A. Additional novels for choice at 11th grade
  - B. Addition of Ferris Humanities course at high school
- II. Summer School Programming
  - A. HS: Credit Recovery, Resume Building Workshop
  - B. MS: ELA Camp, Math/ELA camp, [Camp Scrubs](#), Summer reading initiative
  - C. EL: Half day programming, Camp Invention
- III. Professional Development Follow up
  - A. PD days complete for 21-22 SY
  - B. April PD focused on Schoology/Seesaw
    1. 76% responded on survey that no additional training was needed
- IV. State Testing
  - A. Tests administered
    1. ELA and math M-STEP grades 3-7
    2. PSAT 8/9 grade 8
    3. M-STEP science and social studies grades 5, 8, and 11
    4. PSAT 8/9 grade 9
    5. PSAT 10 grade 10
    6. SAT with Essay grade 11
    7. ACT WorkKeys grade 11

**Board Reports:**

Student Representative, M. Marasco shared the following:

- Prom is May 6<sup>th</sup> and everyone is excited
- Seniors are finishing up and only have a couple weeks left
- PLT and NHS are preparing for Relay for Life on May 14th

**Old Business:**

The Superintendent’s Goals were shared with Mr. Musary and accepted in a motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman and approved 5-0. See Motion 22-40 above.

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**New Business:**

Everyone was reminded that the Strategic Planning retreat will be held this Saturday, April 23, 2022 in the Gallery from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m.

**Points of Pride:**

**E. Cooper:**

- Ed is proud of the robotics team.

**C. Murray:**

- Cheryl met the owner of the new coffee shop in town. The woman had complimentary things to say about the young people in Armada. She said that they are polite, kind and respectful.

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Michele is also proud of the Fighting Pi Robotics team as they all did well at the Michigan State Championship.

**S. Wylin:**

- Shawn was impressed with “March is Reading Month” at Krause Elementary.

**S. Nieman:**

- Susan is impressed with administration and maintenance for coming up with the bond list so quickly.

**K. Skokna:**

- Kelly is proud of the special education paraprofessionals and teachers who are very passionate about their work.

**M. Musary:**

- Mr. Musary praised Renee Penn for winning the first paraprofessional award and told her that she should be proud of the fact that she has won more awards than any other para in the district.

**Student Rep:**

- Marissa is happy that everyone could be in school together again this year.



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education