

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
April 18, 2023**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:02 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill  
(Brett Pearce, Student Rep.)

Board of Education Absent: M. Meerschaert w/notice

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

23-29 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Wolak, 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:** C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

23-30 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wylin, 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 21, 2023 (Building and Site Committee Meeting Minutes)
- b. March 21, 2023 (Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)
- c. March 21, 2023 (Board Workshop Minutes)
- d. March 21, 2023 (Regular Board of Education Meeting Minutes)

2. Personnel Report

**Voice Vote:** C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6-0

23-31 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the the Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$588,364.23 as presented.

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill

Nays: None

Abstain: C. Murray MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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23-32 Board President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 9:17 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Nieman and supported by S. Hill.

**Hearing of the Public:**

- Public comments were made regarding the upcoming bond and regarding board packet materials.

**Communications:**

- None

**Student Awards:**

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for April 2023, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards.

**Paraprofessional of the Year Award:**

Melanie Duletzke, Special Services Director, presented paraprofessional awards to Marie Ewert and Christine Tietze. She read a few quotes from their peers and read a poem called “The Star Polisher”. They were each presented with a special star 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 100%
- Dropout rate of Armada special education students is at 0
- The special education programs provided are as follows:
  - Early Childhood Special Education (APPLE)
  - Resource Room
  - Extended Resource Room (EL)
  - Macomb ISD Center Programs
- The special education services available are as follows:
  - Teacher Consultant
  - Speech
  - Social Work
  - School Psychologist
  - Macomb ISD provided: Occupational Therapist, Physical Therapist, Vision Consultant, Orientation and Mobility

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**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause Elementary, the Armada Lions Club will be donating 900 mini trees for Krause Elementary students (preschool thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade) so they can plant them at home. They will be delivered toward the end of April or early May. Each tree will be individually bagged – they will be tiny. Any extra trees, we can plant on campus. Also, STEM night is next Thursday (April 27) from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Krause Elementary.
- At the M.S., PSAT and M-STEP testing began last week and will conclude next week. The M.S. robotics team will be heading to Houston, Texas next week for the FIRST Tech Challenge National Championships April 19 – 22, 2023 in the George R. Brown Convention Center.
- At the H.S., nine of our students (most by any Macomb public HS) are being honored at the All Macomb Academic banquet this evening; the 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Mr. Armada Show is Thursday (April 20) night at 7:00 pm in the AHS auditorium – 12 senior boys will be competing; and the Armada Conservatory of the Arts Senior Showcase, featuring four seniors, will take place next Thursday (April 27) night at 7:00 pm in the AHS auditorium.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi won the Judges' Award at the State Championship at SVSU. They will be heading to Houston, Texas for the FIRST National Championships April 19 – 22, 2023 – also at the George R. Brown Convention Center.

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

- I. Elementary ELA Curriculum Recommendation – Presented by Miracle Foster and Derek Wagner
  - A. CKLA Presentation
  - B. CKLA Curriculum Map
- II. Cognia Review Complete
- III. 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
- IV. Professional Development
  - A. All PD days complete
  - B. May 5th, Prom ½ day, with PLCs in the afternoon

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**Board Reports:**

Student Representative, B. Pearce shared the following:

Things are winding down and going very well. Graduation will be here soon on May 24, 2023. The bathrooms have been clean and the students who had been causing some problems have been socially learning to become better people.

Legislative Update: Member Shawn Wylin attended the MISD budget meeting last week. There were no new major items, but she wanted to point out that they have many summer programs coming up for students. Shawn appreciates how hard the MISD works to provide all of the budget information.

**New Business:**

- Member Sherrie Hill reported that there is some shrubbery near the high school parking lot exit that could be scaled back in order to see better when pulling out.
- The County Board Leadership dinner will be held next Tuesday at the MISD.
- The Spring Institute in Lansing is offering in-person classes if Board Members are interested.

**Old Business:**

- Board President, Cheryl Murray, reminded the members to review the Superintendent Goals for the next meeting.
- A discussion was had regarding Board Operating Procedures and Norms. Board President, Cheryl Murray, kept a running list of the topics and questions that came up and will provide it to the board members for continued discussion at future meetings.

**Points of Pride:**

**C. Murray:**

- Board member Murray is happy to see so much communication about the upcoming bond proposal. She also attended the robotics state competition at Saginaw Valley and was proud of, not only our Armada students, but all of the students. They conducted themselves in a kind and respectful manner.

**S. Wylin:**

- Board member Wylin is proud of the students who are attending the All Macomb Academic Banquet this evening.

**S. Nieman:**

- Board member Nieman thanked and appreciated the presenters, Miracle Foster and Derek Wagner, for providing the elementary ELA curriculum recommendation. She said they approached it with such passion and put a lot of time into it.

**S. Wolak**

- Board member Wolak reported that she read a book to students in Mrs. Slobodnik's class in March. She appreciated their love of learning and it was a huge point of pride.

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S. Hill

- Board member Hill is proud of the robotics teams heading to Houston, Texas and wishes them well.

A. Blake

- Board member Blake is proud of the Civics Club whose members had an article about the upcoming bond proposal printed in the Free Press. He also said that Miracle and Derek did a great job presenting the ELA curriculum proposal.

K. Skokna:

- Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, K. Skokna, is proud of the elementary teachers for their passion and feedback and the time put into making the right decisions. She said that she is also proud of the paraprofessionals and it is nice to see them recognized.

M. Musary:

- Superintendent, Mr. Musary, is proud of the nine students who were invited to the All Macomb Academic Banquet. He said he was told that eight of them were attending and the ninth student was on a bus to Texas for the robotics event. He also said that every third grade student wrote him a letter about the swing sets, which was a great lesson for them. One of the third grade students there tonight also just thanked him for the swings.

Student Rep:

- Our student representative is proud of the Free Press article about the bond proposal done by the students who took that action on their own.



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education