

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 17, 2023**

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 President, Cheryl Murray.

Board of Education Present: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak,
S. Wylin, A. Blake

Board of Education Absent:

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

23-78 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-79 Motion by S. Wylin supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 19, 2023 Regular Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Bills Payable
3. Personnel Report

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

Jordan Bohlinger, Senior Accountant of Yeo and Yeo, presented the 2022-2023 Audit Report. He gave a special thanks to Heather and Josie and their team for making the audit run smoothly. The audit results met the highest level of assurance. There were no material weaknesses noted and no significant deficiencies noted.

23-80 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wolak, that after the auditing firm's presentation and receipt of their final audit report, the Board of Education accepts the 2022-2023 audit report as presented. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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23-81 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Armada’s outstanding principals and administrators.
(Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

23-82 President, C. Murray, adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by S. Hill.

Hearing of the Public:

- None

Communications:

- None

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for September 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. September’s theme was *Respect*.

Superintendent’s Report:

Bond Issue Update

- First bid packages will be released in October/November 2024 and include:
 - Select roofing replacement (MA2S) and drainage/gutters (elementary)
 - Elementary Parking Lot (new to list since last month)
 - Stadium Renovations
 - New athletic support building (concessions, bathrooms, ticket booth)
 - Football/soccer field turf
 - Softball turf
 - Press boxes (stadium and varsity baseball)
 - Resurface track
 - JV softball scoreboard
 - Pave drives to baseball field and fieldhouse
 - Replace water softeners (elementary, MS, & MA2S)
 - Emergency generators (elementary, MS, & HS) – one year lead time on equipment
 - Replace select doors (interior & exterior) and rekey buildings (districtwide)
 - Two new school buses

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Armada District Update

- At Krause Elementary, over 95% participation in parent/teacher conferences last week with a high percentage in-person.
- At the M.S., in-person parent/teacher conferences went well last Wednesday and Thursday and parents that choose the virtual option can continue to do so through the end of this week.
- At the H.S., the school play (Mamma Mia!) is November 10 & 11 at 7:00 pm and November 12 at 2:00 pm at the AHS auditorium. The HS parent/teacher conferences also went well and the virtual option is open through this Friday too.

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided an October 2023 Curriculum Update:

- October Professional Development
 - Elementary: CKLA
 - Secondary: Second half Trauma-Informed Schools
- Curriculum Focus: Math
 - 2nd grade teachers piloting Number Corners
 - Secondary looking at math-specific PD
- New Teacher Meeting held
- Wednesday, October 18th PSAT/NMSQT Testing (Digital Practice)
- Legislation making FAFSA completion a graduation requirement (HB 463)

Board Reports:

Member S. Nieman gave a legislative report on the following:

- The Governor signed House Bill 4752 into law. The law states that retired educators can now return to work with some restrictions. Retirees returning to work in the first six months may not earn more than \$15,100 per calendar year. After six months, all retirees may return to work in any position with no earnings limits.
- On Tuesday, the Senate Education committee began hearings on Senate Bill 395 which would make changes to the teacher and administrator evaluation law. The bill would remove the 40% growth based on the M-STEP but does not replace it with any growth requirement.
- On Wednesday, the Senate corrected and passed House Bill 4341 to create the Clean Drinking Water Access Act. The act would require each school to develop a drinking water safety plan and make the plan available to the state government. All out-of-date drinking fountains will need to be turned off and hydration stations and other water filters will need to be placed in schools by the end of the 2025-2026 school year.

Old Business:

Member C. Murray asked for a follow up on how the busses are running for the Academy students and if there was any discussion made regarding the co-op opportunity presented at the last meeting. Mr. Musary has not had any further issues with the bus situation and has followed up with the business owner regarding co-op.

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New Business:

The MCSBA dinner meeting will be held at Richmond Community Schools next Tuesday. Several members of the board are planning to attend.

Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Member Murray said that the Homecoming game was well attended and, as always, she was impressed with the good behavior of our students.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin was amazed at the time and work that goes into the Parent/Teacher conferences and especially enjoyed the fact that they could meet in person.

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert gave a shout out to Ms. Curcuru and the yearbook staff for winning the Spartan award for photography.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman gave kudos to Tim Woelkers, Paul Sydow and Rob Girvin for their input in the development of the new elementary parking lot plans.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill was proud of the fact that 41 students were recently inducted into the National Honor Society. She was also proud of the tennis team who won the BWAC. In addition, she was pleased to hear that a grant which was written by our Food Service Director, Melissa Elliott, was received in the amount of \$150,000 from the USDA.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak was happy to see such a nice turnout of parents and students receiving awards this evening.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake was impressed with the results of the audit review. He is also proud of the fact that Armada football has won against their rival, Richmond, five times in four years.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna is proud of the second grade teachers, Julie Defever, Lindsey McCoy, and Amber Patton, for piloting the Number Corners for CKLA.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of his business office staff and the audit results. He said their work load has grown a lot in the past couple of years, so kudos to them!



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education