

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
August 20, 2024**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room, 74500 Burk Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shawn Wylin.

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

Board of Education Absent:

Administration Present: K. Skokna

24-68 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

24-69 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. July 16, 2024 (Regular Meeting)
  - b. June 16, 2024 (Closed Session Meeting Minutes)
  - c. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$2,535,744.15
3. Personnel Report

New Hires: Lane Hurd, Elementary Assistant Principal; Julie Shanks, Elementary Teacher;  
Charles Wenzel, High School English Teacher

Resignations: Derek Wagner, Elementary Teacher; Lindsey McCoy, Elementary Teacher;  
Melissa Darling, Special Education Parapro

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

24-70 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve teacher tenure for the following staff members:

*Anne Hughes, Sara Surzyn, Lisa Milner, Heather Carrigan, Lia DiFonzo, Sierra Palmateer*  
(Staff Report #1)

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24-71 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the list of names on the Professional Development Advisory Committee for the 2024-2025 school year.  
(Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

24-72 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the continuation of the Return to Learn and Continuity of Learning Plan for the Armada Area School District for the 2024-2025 school year.  
(Staff Report #3)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

24-73 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from C. Murray and supported by S. Hill.

**Hearing of the Public:**

No public comments were made.

**Communications:**

- None

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

- The Continuity of Learning & Return to Learn Plan was presented. This will be posted on the website for the public to view.
- The Professional Development Committee was presented for the 2024-2025 school year which consists of teachers, non-instructional staff, parents and administrators.
- Opening Day for staff will take place on Wednesday, August 21, 2024 and the theme is: “Community: Working Together We are Stronger”
- The opening day agenda consists of discussion and presentations of the following: school improvement goals, teacher evaluations, PLCs, school safety training: *Health Emergencies and Bloodborne Pathogens*.

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**MASB Delegates:** It was agreed that M. Meerschaert would be appointed as the MASB voting delegate for the MASB Leadership Conference in October.

**Board Reports:**

- S. Nieman and C. Murray attended the Superintendent evaluation training at the MISD
- October 22<sup>nd</sup> will be Armada's turn to host the MCSBA dinner meeting.
- The AEF (Armada Education Foundation) had a record number of golfers attend their annual golf outing.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business**

- Tomorrow is opening day for the teachers at Armada Area Schools. The kick-off meeting begins at 9:00 a.m. S. Wylin and C. Murray plan to attend.

**Points of Pride:**

**C. Murray:**

- Member Murray is proud of the Administrative staff and the Professional Development Committee who had the foresight to bring in the *Kagen* training which she finds valuable.

**S. Wylin:**

- Member Wylin wanted to recognize the people involved in Pal Camp. She said that this year's trip was super fun and there were no issues.

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Member Meerschaert says that she cannot say enough about the teachers in the district. One of them had sent her son a nice card after graduating and her son had never even had this person as a teacher.

**S. Nieman:**

- Member Nieman is proud of the Armada graduates who are highly qualified and want to come back and work here.

**S. Wolak:**

- Member Wolak is proud of everyone involved in *Tiger Days* and said they were getting off to a good start.

**S. Hill**

- Member Hill attended the middle and high school *Tiger Days* and was impressed with what she saw behind the scenes and appreciates the staff who put it all together.

**A. Blake**

- Member Blake also said that he is proud of the Armada graduates who come back and become additions to our great leadership. He also said that the Robotics Club was participating in a fundraiser at Blake's farm and it was packed so he is happy to participate in that. He wished everyone an excellent and fun school year.

**K. Skokna:**

- Ms. Skokna is proud of everyone involved in the bond work that is currently taking place, especially, Heather Urbanek and Don Penzien, as well as Lisa Langtry and Jask Bostian in technology.



Michele Meerschaert  
Secretary, Board of Education