

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
November 19, 2024**

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, Shawn Wylin.

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

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake, S. Hill absent with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

24-82 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-83 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation process. The closed session will take place at the end of the regular meeting. (Staff Report #1)

Roll Call Vote: C. Murray, M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Wolak

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-84 Motion by M. Meerschaert supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. October 15, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b. October 15, 2024 Finance Committee Meeting Minutes
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$766,414.75
3. Personnel Report

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-85 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, to approve the attached Annual Summer Tax resolution, which allows the district to collect 50% of its taxes in the summer of 2025. (Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

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24-86 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, to award the Armada Middle School remodel and Elementary HVAC upgrades bid package to the seven bidders. The total amount recommended in awards for this project is \$2,316,090.00 (Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin
Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-87 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 39, No. 1 – September 2024 updates) and Special Update Title IX, dated June of 2024, as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education’s Policy Committee. (Staff Report #4)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin
Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

24-88 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, to approve the December 17, 2024 Board of Education regular meeting location change from the Gallery to the Krause Elementary Cafeteria. (Staff Report #5)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin
Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

Convened to Closed Session at 7:55 p.m.
Returned to Open Session at 8:07 p.m.

24-89 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:08 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by S. Wolak.

Hearing of the Public:

Public comments were made.

Community Member and local business owner, Steve Nikkel, spoke about opportunities in skilled trades.

Community Member, Kevin Grand, thanked everyone who came out to vote and congratulated the newly elected board members.

Communications:

None

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Presentation:

Board of Education Trustee, Cheryl Murray, was recognized with a plaque for her 16+ years of service as a member on the Armada Area Schools, Board of Education.

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for October 2024, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards. October’s theme was “Responsibility”. Three of our Cross Country student athletes and the Boys Varsity Tennis team were also recognized for their academic and athletic performance for the fall season.

Superintendent’s Report:

Bond Issue Update:

- Late 2024/early 2025 projects (all will be complete for spring sports):
 - New concession stand
 - MA2S secured entrance
 - Press Boxes (2) – Stadium and varsity baseball field
 - Softball Field
 - Building Generators (3)
- Summer 2025 Projects (all completed by start of school in fall 2025)
 - New H.S. Offices
 - Transportation Parking Lot
 - M.S. Projects – Cafeteria expansion, locker room renovations, and new fitness room
 - Renovate old athletic building (ONLY project left to bid)
- 2025 Project
 - East wing of H.S. HVAC renovation
- 2026 Project
 - West wing of H.S. HVAC renovation

Armada District Update:

- At Krause Elementary, there will be a 4th grade holiday concert on December 18th at 4:00 pm and a 3rd grade concert on December 19th at 5:30 pm.
- At the M.S., the holiday performance schedule is December 5 (Choir), Dec. 10 (Band), and Dec. 12 (Orchestra) – all at 7:00 pm at AHS.
- At the H.S., the school play (Zombie Prom) went well and raised \$600 for the AHS Theatre scholarship program. The Choir will have a holiday concert at 7:00 pm on December 5th and the Band & Orchestra will perform at 7:00 pm on December 17th.
- Trimester 1 concludes next week.

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Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided a November 2024 Curriculum Update:

Professional Learning:

- Completed November 5th Professional Development
 - Elementary & Secondary: Safety Training
 - Elementary: CKLA: Writing in the Curriculum
 - Secondary: Grade-level PLC Meetings
- Upcoming
 - December 10th: ½ day for PLCs
 - January 20th: Kagan Training Day #2

Student Updates:

- All 8th grade students and 11th grade students took the PSAT 8 and PSAT/NMSQT in October.
- High school held 2nd annual Career Day!
- Teacher Cadets attended SVSU's "Influencing Future Teachers" (LIFT) Conference
- High school received AP Honor Roll Bronze Award
- Elementary has begun digital reading tracker called "Beanstack"

Board Reports:

Member S. Nieman shared some information from the recent legislative committee meeting. It is lame duck session and some bills will go away and some will remain. She suggested going on the MASB sight to watch some of the webinars if you would like to read about these bills.

Member S. Nieman also shared that the Armada Education Foundation (AEF) received twenty-six grant applications and have awarded \$35,000.00 in grants. The awards will be presented at the December AEF meeting.

Old Business:

The board members discussed possibly having the business man who spoke at public comment to come in and give a presentation to some of the high school classes.

New Business:

The next Macomb County School Board Association meeting will be held at Warren Woods Public Schools on Tuesday, December 3, 2024.

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Points of Pride:

Student Rep:

- Student academic success and the support that is offered
- Ferris courses and AP courses
- Great PSAT and SAT scores
- Sports teams are all doing well

M. Meerschaert:

- Proud of Ms. Curcuru and the high school yearbook staff who won last year's yearbook Gallery of Excellence award and will also be showcased in the Walsworth's online gallery.

S. Nieman:

- Cheryl Murray for all of her dedicated years as a board member and as President and President of the Macomb County School Board Association
- Even though Sue is a senior member, she feels that Cheryl has been more of a mentor to her than the other way around.

S. Wolak:

- The school board election had a good number of candidates running and it is great that people are willing to invest in a 6 year term.
- Thank you also to Cheryl Murray for her years of service.

S. Wylín:

- Thank you to Cheryl for her years of service and for being a mentor.
- Happy to be a part of career day and talk with the students

C. Murray:

- Thank you to Terri and Trista for their work involved in hosting the October Macomb County School Board Association dinner meeting.

K. Skokna:

- The great performances at the recent play, *Zombie Prom*, under the direction of Lia, Josh and Sarah.

M. Musary:

- Thanked Cheryl for being such an asset to himself, the school board and the community, and told her that she will be missed.
- Boys tennis winning BWAC
- Football winning first district title



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education