The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Krause Elementary Cafeteria, 23900 Armada Center Road, 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,
	S. Hill, A. Blake
Board of Education Absent:	

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

24-93 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, S. Hill, A. Blake Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7–0

24-94 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by A. Blake, to designate its regular/organizational January meeting be held on January 21, 2025 at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada Middle School Community Room. Further, that any current Board officers, Superintendent of Schools, and Executive Director of Business and Operations be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the district until the election of officers takes place. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. Blake Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 24-95 Motion by M. Meerschaert supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.
 - 1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. November 19, 2024 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
 - b. November 19, 2024 Regular Meeting Minutes
 - c. November 19, 2024 Closed Session Meeting Minutes
 - 2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$661,608.12
 - 3. Personnel Report : (New Employees: Madeline Rotarius, MS Special Services Instructional Aide, and Veronica Alvarez, Elementary Custodian)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. Blake Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

24-96 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman, to approve the district option to an 80/20 plan for employees required to co-pay on health insurance beginning January 1, 2025. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. Blake Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0 241217

24-97 Motion by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the second 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 #3)

Voice Vote:C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. BlakeAyes:AllNays:NoneMOTION PASSED:7 – 0

24-98 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by A. Blake, to approve the formal evaluation of the Superintendent pursuant to Michigan law. (Staff Report #4)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. Blake Ayes: All Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

24-99 Motion by S. Hill, supported by S. Wolak, to approve the Superintendent's employment contract with a one-year extension through June 30, 2028, with compensation for the 2027-2028 school year to be determined. (Staff Report #5)

Voice Vote:C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, S. Hill, A. BlakeAyes:AllNays:NoneMOTION PASSED:7 – 0

24-100 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:20 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from C. Murray and supported by S. Wolak.

Hearing of the Public:

Former board member, Scott Kline, spoke about Cheryl Murray's many years of service on the Board and thanked her for the difference she has made in the lives of the students, and how she has positively impacted the district and the community.

Communications: None

Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, there will be a 4th grade holiday concert tomorrow (Dec. 18) at 4:00 pm and a 3rd grade concert on December 19th at 5:30 pm.
- At the M.S., the Pi-Gears had another very good season and were runner-up at the Michigan FTC State Championship. Also, the MS had another robotics team this school year, the π tanium Tigers, and they advanced to the state finals too.
- At the H.S., winter athletics are underway. The PLT Relay for Life basketball event to raise money to fight cancer will be this Friday (Dec. 20) vs. Algonac.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi will begin preparing for their season in early January. The Michigan State Championship Event will be at SVSU (April 3-5).
- Friday (Dec. 20) is the last school day of the calendar year. School resumes January 6th.

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced "Students of the Month" for November, 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. November's theme was "Gratitude". Five members of the Equestrian team placed fourth in the State and were recognized with an "Athletic Excellence" award. The entire roster of athletes from the varsity football team were also presented with an "Athletic Excellence" award for winning the District Championship.

<u>Curriculum Update:</u> Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided a December 2024 Curriculum Update:

- January to start NWEA Winter testing
- "Going Places" and FAFSA initiative in full swing
- Beginning to plan for 2025-26 school year
- Completed December 10th PLCs
 - Reviewing social studies curriculum
- Upcoming Professional Development
 - January 20th: Kagan Training Day #2

Board Reports: Member, S. Nieman, reported that there was not a county legislative meeting last week, but things to pay attention to are some upcoming bills on charter school transparency, FAFSA and vaping. She also reported that the Armada Education Foundation (AEF) approved \$35000.00 in grants to teachers at their meeting last week.

Old Business: None

<u>New Business</u>: Member, C. Murry reminded the members that the next Macomb County School Board Association meeting will be held on January 28, 2025.

Points of Pride:

Student Rep:

Student Representative, Jacob, thanked member Murray for her service. He is also proud of the counseling department for their support and guidance and for the information that safety officer, Mr. Woelkers, shared at the meeting. Jacob also said that the DECA Club competed over the weekend against 1500 other students in the area. He (in Personal Financial Literacy) and four other students qualified for States.

M. Meerschaert:

Member M. Meerschaert thanked Cheryl for her service and said she would be missed. She also really enjoys the art (done by our students) on the paper bags at Vinckiers.

S. Hill:

Member S. Hill thanked Cheryl for her service. She also thanked the teachers for all of the extra things they make time for during this time of year, like concerts and after school programs.

A. Blake:

Member A. Blake thanked Cheryl for her service and said that he has learned a lot from her. He is proud of the elementary building's new leadership and how they have created a great culture. He also congratulated the football team and thanked them for making Friday nights exciting again.

S. Nieman:

Member S. Nieman is proud of Armada as a community and how since 1988 they have raised and donated over a half million dollars in grants for the school district.

S. Wolak:

➢ Member S. Wolak thanked Cheryl for her service and appreciated Mr. Woelker's presentation.
S. Wylin:

Member S. Wylin thanked Cheryl for her guidance, support and mentorship. She said that she appreciates all of her colleagues on the board and thinks they work well together.

C. Murray:

Member Murray said that she loves the community Christmas tree in town and the creativeness of the elementary teachers and students with the decorations. She also said thank you and that it has been a pleasure to serve the students of the district, the families, employees and the community over these past years.

K. Skokna:

K. Skokna is proud of the HOSA (Health Occupations Students of America) who recently took first place in the regional leadership competition. Also, a couple of students who represented Armada at the Michigan Thespian Festival in Lansing last weekend were each offered close to \$500,000.00 in scholarship money.

M. Musary:

Mr. Musary is proud of his middle school and high school advisory students. He can always expect open and honest communication with them. He said that our student representative, Jacob, has been on his advisory team for several years.

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Michele Meerschaert Secretary, Board of Education