

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 19, 2021**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 19, 2021. The meeting was held in-person in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect St. Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray A. Blake,
M. Marasco (Student Rep.)

Board of Education Absent: S. Wylin, M. Meerschaert w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

Guests Present: Brian Essenmacher of Yeo and Yeo

21-90 Motion by A. Blake, supported by E. Cooper that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5-0

21-91 Motion by C. Murray, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. September 21, 2021 (Regular Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly bills payable in the amount of \$890,809.62

3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5-0

Brian Essenmacher, CPA of Yeo and Yeo, presented the 2020-2021 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.

21-92 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that after the auditing firm's presentation and receipt of their final audit report, the Board of Education accepts the 2020-2021 audit report as presented. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5-0

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21-93 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Armada’s outstanding principals and administrators. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

21-94 Motion by E. Cooper, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve that the following teacher receive tenure: (Staff Report #3)

Amber Patton – effective 8/23/2021

Voice Vote:

Ayes: E. Cooper, S. Nieman, C. Murray, S. Kline, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5-0

21-95 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 7:44 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from E. Cooper and supported by A. Blake.

Hearing of the Public:

None

Communications:

None

Superintendent’s Report:

- At Krause Elementary, the students are planning on having a Halloween celebration on Friday, October 29th with an outdoor parade (weather permitting). They are also having a crazy/spooky hair day fundraiser for the Salvation Army and students will be bringing in granola bars, pancake mix, and/or syrup to donate.
- At the M.S., students completed the fall N.W.E.A. testing. Students are enjoying new CTE courses this year – Introduction to Computers (taught by Violet Fiddes) and Medical Careers Exploration (taught by Donna McCollom). Also, students will be voting on best Halloween costumes by classroom rather than an indoor parade.
- At the H.S., the theatre students are preparing for their November 19, 20, and 21 performance of High School Musical. Also, between Oct. 8 and Nov. 8, there will be 17 virtual college visits from Michigan universities and trade schools.

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- Virtual parent/teacher conferences took place last week for K-12 students and were well attended, especially at the elementary level.

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

I. Fall Testing

- A. NWEA completed
- B. Optional PSAT, SAT given at high school

II. PLC Leader Meetings

- A. Focus on grading practices and common assessments
- B. Also reviewing Schoology/Empower

III. Conservatory of the Arts

- A. Joined [Tri M Music Honor Society](#)
 - 1. Induction ceremony in November
- B. Looking at forming an endorsement to mirror Academy of Arts and Sciences

Board Reports:

- S. Nieman provided a Legislative update regarding the Michigan Independent Citizens Redistricting Commission. Redistricting maps are currently being drafted and now is the time to make your public comments and express your opinion as there will be several opportunities to do so.
- Student Representative, M. Marasco, provided a brief update:
Exams will be coming up soon at the beginning of November; the high school students had an opportunity to take the SAT last week which was free; Student Council members are involved in the making of some of the scarecrows you will see around town; tomorrow, October 20, 2021 is Unity Day and everyone is encouraged to wear orange to prevent bullying.

Old Business:

- C. Murray commented on the new bus loop at the high school and how she liked the improvements.

New Business:

None

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- The wearing of orange to prevent bullying.

S. Nieman:

- Saw on Social Media that the Cross-Country team was being encouraged by coaches to practice good behavior and sportsmanship and the athletes are doing just that.

C. Murray:

- Armada boys cross country team and their Division 2-3-4 Macomb County Championship and 7th overall place.

S. Kline:

- Heard some positive comments from teachers that things are going well and they think the new administrators and staff members are doing a good job.

A. Blake:

- Also hearing positive feedback about how well the teachers and new administrators are doing.

M. Marasco:

- Proud of the football team and how well they are doing and such a great fan turnout at the games.

K. Skokna:

- Proud of the new inductees into the National Honor Society as well as the National Junior Honor Society.

M. Musary:

- Proud of the principals and administration who have become a “new team” and are working very well together.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education