

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 17, 2022**

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, Scott Kline.

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

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna, D. Holston

School Admin. /Personnel Present: Several teachers, students and parents

22-42 Motion by A. Blake, supported by E. Cooper, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented

Voice Vote: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Kline, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

22-43 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 19, 2022 (Building and Site Committee Meeting)
 - b. April 19, 2022 (Curriculum Committee Meeting)
 - c. April 19, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - d. April 23, 2022 (Special Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$577,690.42 as presented.
3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Kline, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

22-44 Motion by E. Cooper, 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 36, No. 2 – February 2022 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Kline, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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22-45 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District budget.

Voice Vote: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Kline, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

22-46 Motion by C. Murray, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the Ferris Humanities course and the English 11 books (dystopian novel study).

Voice Vote: E. Cooper, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Kline, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

22-47 President, S. Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:04 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Nieman and supported by C. Murray.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- None

Presentations:

Outstanding Teachers: Bells were presented

2019-2020

Kelly Cmarik - Krause Elementary
Michelle Genereaux - Armada Middle School
Robin Caporuscio - Armada High School

2020-2021

Kimberly Goulette - Krause Elementary
Nicole Ewert - Armada Middle School
Megan Fey - Armada High School

2021-2022

Jennifer Bovenschen - Krause Elementary
Thomas Austin - Armada Middle School
Renee Jozwiak - Armada High School

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Student Board Representative:

An award was presented to Marissa Marasco for her service as the Student Representative on the Board of Education for the 2021-2022 school year.

Distinguished Scholars:

Awards were presented to the top 14 scholars of the 2022 Macomb County All Academic List.

Retirement Recognition:

A special engraved clock was presented to Virginia Miller to celebrate her retirement and in appreciation for her twenty years of service to children.

Athletics/Academy/ACE Presentation:

Don Holston, Director of ACE/MA2S/Athletics, provided a presentation which included the following information:

ACE – Armada Continuing Education

- Blended online self-paced learning
- Students are monitored for progress
- Credits can be recovered faster
- There have been four graduates so far this year

MA2S – Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences

- STEM Honors Diploma Program, where students can earn a STEM Honors Diploma by successfully completing the eight core courses and three elective courses in a concentrated area
- Cybersecurity and Cisco Networking competitions
- Computer Club teams
- Honors Geometry classes showed incredible growth in NWEA scores.
- Mr. Woznicki's AP class had 100% participation in the AP Exam and 75% of the students came in voluntarily on the weekends to study for the AP exam with him
- Robotics received Chairman's Award, Industrial Design Award, State Finalist in our division and State Chairman award. Finished 15th in the State competition out of 450 teams

Athletics 2021-2022

- First football playoff game since 2005
- Brooklyn Kohn and brother, Camden Khon, were Regional Cross Country Champions
- Boys Cross Country Team were State qualifiers
- Boys Tennis were league and BWAC Tournament champions
- Leo Andrew was wrestling Macomb County Champion
- Four wrestlers qualified for State finals
- Girls Tennis were league and BWAC Tournament Champions

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Superintendent's Report:

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

Armada School Updates

- At Krause Elementary, the students had their Relay Recess on May 13 to raise funds for cancer research. Super Kids Day is next Monday (May 23).
- At the M.S., students completed their PSAT and M-STEP testing. Also, students have completed their 2022/23 scheduling requests.
- At the H.S., this is the final week for seniors and the AHS graduation ceremony is next week on Wednesday, May 25th at 6:00 pm. Last week, the students took their last AP exam. On Saturday (May 14), the students did their Relay for Life cancer research fundraiser and raised close to \$5,000.
- At MA2S, 11 students earned a STEM Honors diploma (first year eligible).

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

- School improvement surveys complete
- Title III Audit was held May 9th with no findings
- Curriculum – Additional novels for choice at 11th grade and addition of Ferris Humanities (3 credit) course at the high school
- Researching SEL (Social-Emotional Learning) curriculum/programs (Strategic Planning)
- Eighth grade welcome and 5th grade to 6th grade transition meetings went well
- There will be summer school programming available: HS - credit recovery, resume building workshop; MS – ELA Camp, Math/ELA camp, Camp Scrubs, Summer reading initiative; Elementary – Half day programming, Camp Invention

Board Reports:

Student Representative, Marissa, reported that the students really loved the Prom this year. Last weekend was Relay for Life, which was a great coming together experience. The seniors are looking forward to graduation and all of the fun events and festivities.

Board Member, S. Nieman, informed the Board that the Armada Education Foundation met last week and the teachers are using up their current grant money on various projects. The golf outing is scheduled for July 31, 2022 at Timberwood Golf Club. This is the major fund raiser for grants in the district and it raises approximately \$30,000.00 in grant money.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Member, C. Murray, asked about the weight room facility open to the public. Mr. Musary responded that it had not been opened to the public due to COVID but they would consider it for the upcoming school year.

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Points of Pride:

E. Cooper:

- Ed Cooper is proud of the turnout at last weekends Relay for Life. He is also proud of the District II Americanism essay and poster contest winners hosted by the AMVETS, Post 93.

C. Murray:

- Cheryl is proud of the supportive parents in the community, especially some of the 5th grade parents who recently fought hard for a cause.

S. Kline:

- Scott is proud of the fourteen scholars that were recognized tonight. He also is proud of the job that Mr. Holston is doing and the way the Academy has evolved into what it is today.

A. Blake:

- Andrew is impressed with the class of 2022, having gone through the pandemic experience and yet they show promise of becoming exemplary adults.

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele is proud of the alumnus who shared his cancer story at Relay for Life, it was very touching.

S. Wylin:

- Shawn was happy to hear about the brother and sister cross country winners.

S. Nieman:

- Susan is proud of the community members and staff that came together on Saturday, April 23, 2022 for the Strategic Planning retreat. It was a productive day and it was exciting to be a part of the process.

K. Skokna:

- Kelly is proud of the teachers. May is Teacher Appreciation month and she would like to thank them all for their dedication and hard work.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of the class of 2022 and all they have gone through. He is happy to see the participation of students and parents at these year-end events.

Student Rep:

- Marissa is proud of the success of the Relay for Life. It was a good cause and a nice experience of being together.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education