

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 18, 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 President, Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, A. Blake
(Student Rep. B. Pearce)

Board of Education Absent: E. Cooper, S. Wylin with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

Guests: Jennifer Watkins, Yeo and Yeo

22-77 Motion by A. Blake, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

22-78 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 20, 2022 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. September 20, 2022 (Closed Session Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$917,569.06 as presented.
3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None

Abstain: M. Meerschaert MOTION PASSED: 4-0

Jennifer Watkins, CPA of Yeo and Yeo, presented the 2021-2022 Audit Report. She 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.

22-79 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that after the auditing firm's presentation and receipt of their final audit report, the Board of Education accepts the 2021-2022 audit report as presented. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

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22-80 Motion by C. Murray, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Armada's outstanding principals and administrators.
(Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

22-81 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 7:39 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert and supported by A. Blake.

Hearing of the Public:

- None

Communications:

- None

Presentations:

Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Armada Middle School, and Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate. The October Principal Awards will be presented to the elementary students in November.

Superintendent's Report: Armada District Update

- At Krause Elementary, Monday, October 31 is a half day of school and the students will be parading around the exterior of Krause elementary school in their Halloween costumes. The parade will be led by the AHS Marching Band. After the parade, parent volunteers will help with the individual classroom parties.
- At the M.S., last week and this week there have been virtual parent-teacher conferences which have gone well. We are accommodating all parents that want in-person conferences too. Also, this is the last week of MS fall sports.
- At the H.S., the athletic boosters are donating a 10' X 16' shed for athletic storage which will be housed near the current concession stand. Also, Anthony Grupido will bring his magic and story to the HS on October 27th to help students cope with anxiety and depression and deliver anti-bullying and positivity messages. We are hoping to bring Anthony in later in the school year for our MS students. In athletics, the boys tennis team won the BWAC title and placed 8th in the State Finals and the varsity football team earned 1st place in the BWAC for the first time in 18 years and have their final regular season game on Friday (Oct. 21) at Flint Kearsley.
- The preliminary fall 2022 student count enrollment is 1,742 which is five less than the fall 2021 count. We budgeted 1,745 for the 2022/23 school year.

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

- I. Fall Testing
 - A. NWEA Testing Complete
 - B. PSAT/NMSQT Testing: 43 juniors participated (33%)
- II. Professional Development
 - A. October focus on reviewing NWEA results and planning
 - 1. Representative from NWEA on site
 - B. PLC Focus
 - 1. Curriculum Mapping/Articulations
 - 2. ELA Curriculum Review
 - 3. Grading Scale at Secondary Level
- III. October Bullying Awareness
 - A. October 19, 2022: Wear orange for Unity Day
 - B. Each level 2 different activities week of October 17th
 - C. Class speakers
 - 1. Elementary--Al, the Respect Guy (September 23rd)
 - 2. HS--Anthony Grupido (October 27th), MS looking at later November or January

Board Reports:

Student Representative, Brett Pearce, expressed that everything is going very well at school, it is a tight knit community and he doesn't have any complaints other than the boy's bathroom being closed by the woodshop wing. Brett shared that the Homecoming went very well and tomorrow everyone is wearing orange for Unity Day.

Member S. Nieman reminded everyone that the Armada Education Foundation has \$30,000 in teacher grants and the applications are due by the end of October.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

Member C. Murray mentioned the new MASB signed House Bill 5703, which is a new law that requires posting certain sections of the Michigan Constitution and School Code that pertain to parental rights in administration offices and boardrooms of public schools. The law goes into effect on January 1, 2023.

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Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Cheryl recognized the Armada Equestrian team and would like to hear from them and how they finished the season. She wants them to know that the board members and the district support them. She also gave a shout out to the Cross Country girls for finishing first in the county and the boys for their successful season.

M. Meerschaert:

- Michele is proud of the boy's tennis team for winning the BWAC. She is also happy to hear that the parents are coming back into the buildings to volunteer for things like the upcoming Halloween parties.

S. Nieman:

- Sue is proud of the business office members who worked on the audit. They made everything about the audit run smoothly.

S. Kline

- Scott was in awe of the fund equity bar chart presented during the meeting. He is amazed at what the district has done to bring things back from its lowest point in 2014 to where it is now.

K. Skokna

- Kelly is proud of the NHS (National Honor Society) and the NJHS (National Junior Honor Society) and their sponsors. She is also impressed with the art department partnering with the city to decorate the lampposts in town.

A. Blake

- Andrew is impressed with the Administration and how they continue to build a great culture. He loves the town and the community and says that everyone is doing a great job.

B. Pearce

- Brett is very pleased with the new High School Principal, Mr. Kastl. He said that Mr. Kastl has fit in easily and he is great with the students and a huge point of pride for the school.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is impressed with our student representative, Brett, who is working very hard on the upcoming play, *Lucky Stiff*, which will debut November 11, 12, and 13.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education