

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 16, 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: S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Board of Education Absent: M. Meerschaert w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

24-29 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

24-30 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. March 19, 2024 (Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)

b. March 19, 2024 (Regular Board of Education Minutes)

c. March 19, 2024 (Closed Session Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,008,450.87

3. Personnel Report

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

24-31 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the first reading of the changes to the Board of Education’s Policy Manual (Volume 38, No.2 – February 2024 updates and Special Updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education’s Policy Committee.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Murray, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

24-32 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:05 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from S. Wolak and supported by S. Hill.

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Hearing of the Public: None

Communications: None

Presentations

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for March, 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.

Academy/ACE/Safety Presentation:

MA2S/ACE/Safety Director, Tim Woelkers, provided a presentation:

Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences

- Focus on science and hands-on STEM
- Learning by doing
- Eighteen students received the STEM endorsement
- There are fifty-five incoming freshmen

ACE

- Certified for accreditation
- Five students have finished, expecting two more to graduate

Safety

- Working on physical upgrades such as new cameras and window film
- Added new part-time security liaison
- Working on new doorbell systems
- Continued training on intervention and response

Wellness Presentation:

Meet your Coordinators:

Christine: AHS Paraprofessional. Masters of HR Management. Former Wellness Captain for Target and Certified Yoga Instructor.

Rory: AHS Social Worker. Master’s Degree in Social Work, Licensed Social Worker. Fitness and Mental Health and Wellness Enthusiast.

Mission Statement and Goals

Inspire and empower Armada Area Schools staff to take ownership of their own health and wellness.

- Empower employees to become health champions committed to improving and maintaining healthy lifestyles
- Bring in on site health services to increase awareness and responsibility
- Create healthy, fun and competitive events, teams and clubs while also creating positive marketing and recruiting for Armada Area Schools

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- Reduction of healthcare costs and improvement in employee attendance
- Building community relationships (THANK YOU Blake's, Juskos, Tiger Den, ABG, Subway, Miller Farms, Papas, Shellinz, Julie Manetta from Meemic, Rhonda Jones from MESSA)

Events:

- Kick off event: Based on staff survey feedback. Wellness t-shirt giveaway, corn hole, gift card raffles and gift basket giveaways
- Monthly Newsletter
- Monthly Activity Calendar and Monthly Wellness Challenge Calendar
- March Madness Basketball and PIG tournament
- Healthy Heart Walking (step) Challenge with overall winner
- Armada Staff who participated totaled a whopping 18,569,297 steps!
- Positive feedback resulting in ongoing monthly challenge
- Complimentary Yoga before or after school
- Lunch and Learn provided by MESSA
- Dodgeball with gift card winners for participation
- Volleyball

Looking Ahead:

- Staff Volleyball game with cider and donuts provided by Blake's- THANK YOU!
- Year end corn hole event
- Additional Lunch and Learn provided by MESSA
- Wellness Coordinators & Special Education students will work together to assemble and provide a fresh fruit delivery to staff
- Conduct year end survey for feedback
- 2024-2025 school year event planning

Superintendent's Report:

Bond Update

- Spring/Summer 2024 Projects:
 - Drainage/gutters (elementary)
 - Elementary Parking Lot – start date is June 6 (last day of school is June 5)
 - HS Stadium Renovations
 - New athletic support building (concessions, bathrooms, ticket booth)
 - Football/soccer field turf – renovations underway
 - Softball turf – August start date
 - Press boxes (stadium and varsity baseball) – November start date
 - Resurface track
 - JV softball scoreboard
 - Pave drives to baseball field and fieldhouse
 - Replace water softeners (elementary, MS, & MA2S) – projects underway
 - Emergency generators (elementary, MS, & HS) – Ordered, but one year lead time on equipment

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- Replace select doors (interior & exterior) and rekey buildings (districtwide)
- Ordered two new school buses
- Fall 2024 Projects:
 - HS offices and new entrance – Board Award in May 2024
 - MA2S secured entrance (probable summer 2024 project)
 - HS HVAC multi-year project to begin (Board Award in May 2024)
- Fall 2024 Bid Awards
 - MS Cafeteria, Locker Room, and Retrofit Stage to become a Fitness Room (Board to approve in October 2024)

District Update

- At Krause Elementary, the Armada Lions Club will again be donating 900 mini trees for Krause Elementary students (preschool thru 5th grade) so they can plant them at home. They will be delivered toward the end of April or early May. Each tree will be individually bagged – they will be tiny. Any extra trees, we can plant on campus. Also, STEAM night is Thursday (April 18) from 5:00 – 7:00 pm at Krause Elementary.
- At the M.S., PSAT and M-STEP testing began last week and will conclude next week.
- At the H.S., nine of our students (most by any Macomb public HS) are being honored at the All Macomb Academic banquet this evening. The HS spring play is this weekend – Charlie and the Chocolate Factory.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi won the Gracious Professionalism Award at the State Championship at SVSU and won 8 out of their 12 matches.

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

Curriculum Committee Meeting

- Additional CTE option with Teacher Cadet
- Review and approval of 2024-2025 Course Curriculum Guides
- 35j Grant Award
 - \$239,222 Awarded to Elementary
 - [Krause Literacy Plan](#)
 - Literacy-related professional development, curriculum costs, classroom materials

Professional Learning

- April 26th: Full day Professional Development. Elementary focus on CKLA and secondary on Disciplinary Literacy.
- May 3rd (Prom) ½ day with PLCs meeting in the afternoon.
- Final full Professional Development day is May 10th.

Spring Testing

- M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, PSAT 10, SAT Testing
- AP Testing in May
- NWEA Spring testing in May
- WIDA testing complete

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Additional Updates

- Planning for summer school
- Master Schedules for all buildings
- Scheduling training for evaluations
 - MCL 380.1249
 - Every 3 years evaluators trained in the evaluation tool (Rater Reliability Training)
- Teacher of the Year Recognition

Board Reports: None

Old Business: Reminder about MCSBA dinner meeting at MISD on Tuesday, April 23, 2024

New Business: None

Points of Pride:

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman was “blown away” by the Wellness Coordinators and their presentation and how they have brought so many staff into the program.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake loved the wellness and the Academy/ACE/Safety presentations.

C. Murray:

- Member Murray is proud of the ACE students and staff and the seven students who have or will graduate.

S. Wolak:

- Ms. Wolak enjoyed Mr. Woelkers presentation and the Wellness presentation.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin appreciates the policy committee and everyone involved. She also gave kudos to everyone who is play a role in the state testing that is currently taking place.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill said thank you to all of the staff members who are writing the grants that provide so much for our students.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna is proud of our music educators as Armada is one of the twenty-one districts who were named Best Communities for Music Education by the NAMM (National Association of Music Merchants) Foundation.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary congratulated and is proud of the nine students being honored tonight at the All Academic Banquet.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education