

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 15, 2024**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, 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, A. Blake, S. Wylin, S. Hill, Student Rep., J. Dean

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

24-77 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, A. Blake, S. Wylin, S. Hill

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

24-78 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. September 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$572,373.70
3. Personnel Report

New Hires: Curtis Spens, Security Liaison

Retirement: Pam Lillie, Elementary Teacher

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Wolak, A. Blake, S. Wylin, S. Hill

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

Jordan Bohlinger, Senior Accountant of Yeo and Yeo, presented the 2023-2024 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.

24-79 Motion by C. Murray, supported by S. Wolak, that after the auditing firm's presentation and receipt of their final audit report, the Board of Education accepts the 2023-2024 audit report as presented. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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24-80 Motion by M. Meerschaert, 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: C. Murray, S. Nieman, M. Meerschaert, S. Hill, S. Wolak, S. Wylin, A. Blake
Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

24-81 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from M. Meerschaert nd supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public:

One gentleman spoke about keeping his child enrolled in the high school.

Communications: None

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for September 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. September’s theme was *Respect*.

Superintendent Report:

- At Krause Elementary, over 95% participation in parent/teacher conferences last week with a high percentage in-person.
- At the M.S., in-person parent/teacher conferences went well last Thursday and Friday. Parents also had virtual options to meet with the teachers – 60% of the MS conferences were virtual.
- At the H.S., the school play (*Zombie Prom*) is November 14, 15, & 16 at 7:00 pm and November 17 at 2:00 pm at the AHS auditorium. 11th grade students will be taking the PSAT/NMSQT tomorrow. The Equestrian Team placed 4th at the State Finals.
- The district held a school safety forum this evening at the elementary school. In addition, the district has a 10-person technology committee (6 teachers, 1 school administrator, 2 central office, and 1 parent) that is working on the future needs of the school district. The goal is to come up with a proposal for a possible August 2025 safety/technology bond issue.

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

NWEA test results for 2024 were shared

MISD's Science & Engineering Practices: Study Segments

- Mathematical and Computational Thinking (Ray Community Airport)
- Planning and Carrying out Investigations (TBD)
- Asking Questions and Defining Problems (RAW Fitness)
- Engaging in Argument From Evidence (DNR: Lake St. Clair Fisheries Research Station)

Evening session (4-7 PM) and then day site visits (8:30 AM-3:30 PM).

Kagan Training: Day 1

- All teaching staff
- Focus on Kagan structures (student engagement), classbuilding, & teambuilding
- Day #2 will be January 20th

Additional Updates:

- High school attended Manufacturing Day
- Elementary held grade-level data meetings on Monday
- PSAT/NMSQT: October 16, 2024 (all Juniors + approx. 20 Sophomores)
- PSAT 8: October 22, 2024
- October 16th: Unity Day: Stand Up to Bullying
- Monday, October 21st: Mr. Becker's and Mrs. Parenteau's classes paired together for Seniors to read to Kindergarteners

Board Reports:

Member S. Nieman gave an overview from the legislative committee meeting last week. She said the State School Board met to review their legislative priorities and compiled some suggestions. They plan to put out a survey for board members to come up with a 2024-25 list of priorities.

Student Representative Report:

J. Dean reported that the students really tried to do well on their NWEA testing this fall because they want to gain back improvement on the scores. He said there was some upset over the high school parking lot and construction because it delayed them from painting their parking spots. There is a lot of praise for the new Tiger Lounge and the Homecoming was great, but the DJ was not so great.

Old Business:

Member C. Murray reminded the members that the Macomb County School Board Association dinner meeting will be held in the Krause Elementary Cafeteria next Tuesday, October 22, 2024.

New Business:

None

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Points of Pride:

C. Murray:

- Member Murray is proud of the coaches, especially Lisa Langtry, boys tennis and Rob Blume, cross country. She has also recently heard of the “earn your stripes” program at the high school that recognizes students who exhibit kind and respectful behavior.

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert was happy to hear about Manufacturing Day, where students, who may not be going to college, can learn about alternative career paths.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman said that football is doing great and she loved the Homecoming game. She also enjoyed watching the cheerleaders because, on that night, they also had some tiny ones cheering.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak was pleased to hear about the number of parents who attended conferences and said she is grateful for the outstanding and dedicated teachers and parents.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake likes that there is a manufacturing day for students to have options for their next step after high school. He also is proud of the enthusiasm for the football team, and said that he is having trouble staffing his business on Friday nights because they all want to attend the game.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill is proud of the tennis team going to States, and the recent BWAC Summit that her son was fortunate to attend. At the summit, the students talked about sportsmanship and being competitive, yet fair.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin gave praise to the business office and their hard work on the audit. She also thanked the administration and Mike and Kelly for their great results.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna is proud of the Equestrian team and Mr. Defever who does a lot to help. They had a great season.

J. Dean:

- Student Representative, J. Dean says that the high school students are enjoying their new Tiger Lounge and they are excited about their test scores and applying to colleges. He likes seeing that students have the initiative to start and get involved in new clubs such as the student wellness club.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary’s point of pride was the new student representative, Jacob Dean. He has known Jacob since 6th grade, as he has been on his student advisory team through the years. Mr. Musary appreciates the fact that Jacob will provide honest feedback and will be an asset to the Board this school year.



Michele Meerschaert
Secretary, Board of Education