

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS  
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
February 25, 2025**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Krause Elementary School Cafeteria, 23900 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shawn Wylin.

Board of Education Present: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel

Board Members Absent: A. Blake, S. Wolak w/notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

25-09 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, S. Nieman, C. Nikkel

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

25-10 Motion by S. Hill, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

a. January 21, 2025 (Organizational and Regular Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$608,766.61 as presented.

3. Personnel Report:

New employees: Tim Kiewicz, Middle School Custodian; Katelyn Tharrett, Aud. Manager

Return from Leave 2025-26 : Cara Ricossa, Elementary Teacher

Spring Coaches list approved

Retirement 6-30-2025: Cynthia Mizuki, ACE Teacher

Resignation: Mathew Harms, Custodian

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

25-11 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education supports Randall Meisner for the MASB Board of Directors. Each district received one ballot, which was mailed to the Superintendent's Secretary. The Superintendent's Secretary will submit the vote by March 5, 2025.  
(Staff Report #1)

**Voice Vote:**

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

25-12 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:38 p.m. with a motion from M. Meerschaert and supported by S. Nieman.

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**Hearing of the Public:**

Mr. Schultz, from the Armada Historical Society, shared that they are looking for volunteers. He will be reaching out to the high school to see if anyone is interested.

**Communications:** None

**Presentations**

**Team 1718 – Fighting Pi – FIRST Robotics Impact Presentation:**

Mr. Matt and Mrs. Dena Norrod, coaches, introduced the students who represent the business side of the robotics team. They will be attending a competition at Lake City High School this weekend and wanted to practice their speeches on a real audience. The presentation was very well received and engaging to all of the attendees.

**School Safety Update:**

Tim Woelkers, Director of Student Safety, provided a presentation about some of the latest safety updates as well as those that we would like to have in the near future with the help of an upcoming bond renewal.

**Four County Community Foundation Grant Award:**

Kathy Dickens, from Four County Community Foundation, presented Kellee Witgen, our elementary science and engineering teacher, a check for \$694.00. This grant money will go toward a STEAM night that is being planned this spring at Krause Elementary.

**Student Awards**

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for January 2025 from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. He also recognized the elementary students for their Principal Awards for the month of January 2025.

**Krause Elementary School Presentation – Rob Girvin**

Principal, Rob Girvin, and Assistant Principal, Lane Hurd, gave a presentation of all the exciting things that happen at Krause Elementary School, with their main focus this year being “unity”.

**Superintendent’s Report:**

- At Krause Elementary, Kindergarten registration for the 2025/26 school year is March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- At the M.S., 8<sup>th</sup> graders and their families have an Open House at the HS on the evening of March 4<sup>th</sup>.
- At the H.S, they raised over \$2,500 in their Relay for Life fundraiser last week to help fight cancer.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi are preparing for their first competition this weekend at Lake City HS (Feb. 28 to March 2).

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

**NAEP Results**

- National Assessment of Educational Progress (NAEP)
- 2024 included some of our 4th grade students
- MDE released memo
  - 4th grade math = marginal progress
  - 8th grade math, 4th and 8th grade reading = slight

**Upcoming Approvals**

- Social studies curriculum: TCI
- Number Corner approval for use in grades 1-3
- Additional 6th grade text: *The Westing Game* by Ellen Raskin (Mystery)
- New Courses
  - Science of Athletics and Fitness (grades 11-12)
  - Laboratory Practices (grades 11-12)
  - Math electives: Advanced Algebra II/ Trigonometry/Introduction to Concepts of Calculus

**Additional Updates**

- Elementary has started a book club and sign language club.
- February is CTE month & School Counselor Appreciation Week (February 3-7, 2025).
- Planning for Spring testing

**Board Reports:**

S. Wylin reported that she recently took the Presidents Workshop courses virtually through MASB. She is excited to bring some of that information with her to the upcoming Board Workshop in March.

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** None

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**Points of Pride:**

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Member Meerschaert is proud of the CTE students who were recently recognized.

**C. Nikkel:**

- Member Nikkel enjoys walking into the Krause Elementary and Middle School offices because the office staff are great. They know everything about the kids.

**S. Nieman:**

- Member Nieman appreciates Tim Woelkers and hopes that everyone else does as well. She said he is a real “diamond” in our district due to his experience and his genuine care for the community.

**S. Wylin:**

- Member Wylin gave a shout out to Kellee Witgen for being so phenomenal with her writing and receiving of grants. She was also excited to hear about the money that was raised at the Relay for Life fundraiser to help fight cancer.

**S. Hill:**

- Member Hill is proud of Margie Lewis for being named Krause Teacher of the Year. She enjoyed Rob and Lane’s presentation and was happy to see that many of the teachers stayed to support them. She was impressed with the level of talent the Fighting Pi students represented.

**Student Rep.:**

- J. D. is proud to know that the Relay for Life was very successful. He was impressed with the Krause Elementary presentation and especially with the 400,000 minutes of reading. He would also like to see the implementation at Armada of more student leadership conferences and would be happy to pilot a program with the students in the next year.

**K. Skokna:**

- Ms. Skokna recognized the elementary staff and all school counselors and the CTE teachers for their dedication and enthusiasm for their students.

**M. Musary:**

- Mr. Musary congratulated Mr. Joe McDevitt because his girls basketball team was just about to win the Varsity BWAC title. He commended the staff at Krause Elementary and said they are all doing a great job. He also recognized Margie Lewis for being Krause Elementary Teacher of the Year. He said not only is she a great teacher, but she is funny. She once said that black is her favorite color, but if there was a darker color, she would wear it.



Sherrie Hill  
Secretary, Board of Education