

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 18, 2025**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada High School Auditorium, 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shawn Wylin.

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

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake w/notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna, J. Dean, Student Representative

- 25-13 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 25-14 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. February 25, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
2. Bills Payable
3. Personnel Report

New Hires: Donna Ewert, Krause Instructional Aide, effective 3-10-2025

Jeffrey Rolfe, Custodian, effective 3-10-2025

Changes: Todd Stump from MA2S to ACE, effective 2025-26 school year

Leave: Karly Browe – 2nd year leave request

Resigned: Kristen Borkowski, Krause Instruction Aide, effective 3-21-2025

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 25-15 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education award the Armada High School Field House Renovations to Hicks Construction (General Trades), Contrast Mechanical (Mechanical) and Sawyer Services Inc. (Electrical). The total amount recommended in awards for this project is \$797,170.00. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

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25-16 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Preliminary Qualification of Bond Application for a \$12,155,000 technology and safety bond issue with a target election date of August 5, 2025. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

25-17 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Hearing of the Public: K. McDevitt thanked the athletic trainer, Alissa Gallagher, for her outstanding service to the athletes.

Communications: None

Presentations

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for February, 2025, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. They were each awarded with a certificate. He also presented several elementary students with Principal Awards.

Athletic Excellence Awards:

Athletic Excellence awards were presented to the girls and boys bowling teams, three members of the wrestling team, and the members of the competitive cheer team. They have had an outstanding season. Musical Excellence awards were also presented to middle and high school students who competed in Festival and received a division I rating. In addition, awards were presented to the Quiz Bowl team who had an amazing season and the Girls Varsity Basketball team members who have recently won back to back District Championships.

Armada High School Presentation:

Principal, Andy Kastl, provided a presentation of all the exciting things that happen at Armada High School.

Superintendent’s Report:

At Krause Elementary, they had kindergarten round this month and the current enrollments stands at 12 Readiness and 79 Kindergarten including 46 (50%) school of choice students. We are up 7 school of choice students from last year and down 42 in-district students.

At the M.S., the 8th grade students visited the high school today to learn about the next four years. The HS Counselors will be working with the 8th grade students on Thursday (March 20) with scheduling classes for next year.

At the H.S., the 3rd trimester is underway and the first official athletic competition will be tomorrow when the girls soccer team has their first game at L’Anse Creuse North.

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At MA2S, the Fighting Pi is preparing for their next competition at Macomb Community College (March 27-29). The State Championship will be at SVSU (April 3-5).

District – The frost laws are still in effect. Once they are lifted, the new HS stadium press box will be installed.

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

Spring Testing:

- M-STEP, PSAT 8/9, SAT windows opens April 7th.
- AP Testing in May
- NWEA Spring testing in May
- WIDA testing complete

Upcoming Professional Development

- April 4th, ½ day, PLCs
- April 21st, full day, Kagan training day #3
 - Days 4 and 5 in the Fall
- May 2nd, ½ day, PLCs
- May 19th, ½ day, PLCs

Summer Learning Opportunities

- Varied times
 - Typical start is week of June 16th
- All grade levels
- High school focus on credit recovery
- Held at elementary school
- In addition to Camp Invention
 - July 21-24, 2025

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

MISD Budget Review Representative Appointment

Member S. Nieman agreed to be the Board's appointed representative for the MISD Budget Oversight Committee. The meeting is to be held at the Macomb Intermediate School District at 6:30 p.m. on Thursday, April 17, 2025.

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Board Reports: Member S. Nieman provided some legislative information stating that they are working on state legislation and the governor has submitted her budget.

Old Business: None

New Business: S. Wylin appreciated the Board Governance workshop that was held prior to the meeting. She said there were some good “take aways” and that it is considered an investment in the Board’s success.

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert is impressed with all of the young athletes and proud of the coaches and the great job they do at recruiting.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman is proud of M. Meerschaert for being honored by the MASB for attaining Level 1 Certified Board Member and Level 2 Award of Merit. She also enjoyed watching the Mr. Armada contestants the other night and said that Mr. Becker did a great job with the fundraiser.

C. Nikkel:

- Member Nikkel is proud of the coaches and the knowledge they provide to the kids. He also enjoyed watching the Lady Tiger Basketball team and is impressed with their success.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak enjoyed the high school presentation and the Student Health and Wellness presentation. She is pleased with the many varieties of opportunities offered.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin is proud of how the school buildings and their administrators interact and collaborate and build relationships with each other.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill is proud of the high school and their student ranking. She was pleased to see how many awards were handed out this evening. She thanked coach McDevitt for being such a positive change for the girls basketball team. She is appreciative of all of the coaches who seem to be currently the right people in the right place.

Student Rep:

- Student Member Dean was happy to see that the 8th grade visited the high school the other day. He is proud of the athletic department, the student wellness program, the art expo and DECA.

K. Skokna:

- Mrs. Skokna is proud of the robotics team led by Ms. Isrow and enjoyed the things students did to celebrate Pi Day.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary said that he never could have imagined working for such a great school district. He is proud of his staff and students.



Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education