

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
April 29, 2025

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

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

- 25-18 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by A. Blake, 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, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-19 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. March 18, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. March 18, 2025 (Workshop Minutes)
2. Bills Payable in the amount of \$567,154.88
3. Personnel Report

New Hires:

Changes: Marianthi Moser from 3rd grade to Elementary Specials (Social Studies) 2025-26 school year

Resigned: Trina Picciurro HS Instructional Aide, effective 4-11-2025

Resigned: Kiersten Koch, High School Special Education Teacher, effective 4-17-2025

Resigned: Zoe Webster, Elementary Special Education Teacher, effective 4-17-2025

Retirement: Nancy Moegle, Krause P.E. teacher, effective 6-30-2025

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-20 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the resolution to amend the 2024/2025 General Fund Budget as presented.(Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

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- 25-21 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wylin, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution setting matters to be voted upon at a School Election to be held on Tuesday, August 5, 2025; that it be signed by the Secretary of the Board; and the attached ballot language be submitted to the Macomb County Election Coordinators by 4 p.m. on Tuesday, May 13, 2025. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-22 Motion by S. Hill, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution regarding the Macomb Intermediate School District budget. (Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel, S. Wolak, S. Nieman, A. Blake
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-23 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m. with a motion from M. Meerschaert and supported by S. Hill.

Hearing of the Public:

A gentleman from St. Baldricks spoke about the upcoming fundraiser event for cancer research, which will be held on Saturday, May 3, 2025 at the Armada Fairgrounds. He said that nine students from Armada Schools will be taking part in the event and will be having their heads shaved.

Communications: None

Superintendent's Report:

2024/25 General Fund Budget Amendment Highlights

- The net change in revenue vs. expenditures is a deficit of \$1,139,000 due to a reduction in state funding for MPSERS UAAL rate stabilization - 147c(2) of \$1,096,962. The state reimbursement was \$2,390,525 in 2023/24 and \$1,293,563 in 2024/25.
- Actual Fund Equity likely to drop by \$1,000,000 as of June 30, 2025.
- Federal funding decreased by \$33,556 (-7.2%).
- Potential favorable future budget concepts:
 - State revenues are stable so no funding reductions expected.
 - Governor Whitmer has proposed a \$392 per pupil funding increase for 25/26 (+4.0%).
 - The district will begin right sizing the school district staff via attrition.

Summer 2025 Bond and Sinking Fund Projects

- Bond Projects
 - MS cafeteria expansion
 - MS locker room renovations
 - MS renovate stage area into fitness room
 - HS main office
 - HS renovate old athletic building
 - HS Phase 1 of HVAC upgrade

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- Transportation repave parking lot
 - Sinking Fund Project
 - HS pole barn for athletic equipment storage and visiting team room (30' X 60')
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Armada School Updates

- At Krause Elementary, they had another very successful STEAM night on April 9th.
- At the M.S., PSAT and M-STEP testing have been completed.
- At the H.S., the graduation ceremony is 22 days away.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi had an outstanding season as they participated in the Michigan State Championship at Saginaw Valley State University and the FIRST World Championship in Houston. They were District Event Winners at the Macomb Community College competition earning a new banner for the Enberg Gym. There are 528 robotics teams in the state and the Fighting Pi finished the season ranked #40.

Presentations

Student Awards:

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

Safety/MA2 Academy/ACE – Presentation, Tim Woelkers:

- Nineteen Armada High School graduates will receive a STEM endorsement on their 2025 year diploma.
- As we prepared for next year’s scheduling, fifty incoming freshmen have received invitations to be a part of the Academy track.
- Letters will be going out by the end of the school year to all eligible 5th graders to join the Middle School Academy track.

Armada Science Academy – Proposal for name change and updates

- All Science classes will be held at the Science Academy.
- Increased Instructional time for students
- Improved utilization of science labs and equipment.

ACE (Armada Continuing Education)

- Sixteen students were enrolled in the ACE program in the 2024/2025 school year.
- It is anticipated that we will have eight ACE students graduate this year. (Four have already completed their graduation requirements)
- The other eight students will return to ACE in the fall for their senior year.
- Cynthia Mizuki, our ACE teacher, will be retiring at the end of this school year. Todd Stump will be taking over the ACE program in the fall.

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

Spring Testing

- WIDA, PSAT, and SAT testing is complete
- Finishing M-STEP
- AP Testing and NWEA testing to begin soon

Upcoming Professional Development

- May 2nd (Prom) and May 19th, ½ day PLC's
 - Focus on wrapping up this school year and preparing for next school year
 - Looking at common schedules for the elementary, transitional meetings for elementary/middle school and middle/high school

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 which is July 21-24, 2025

Additional Updates

- Elementary STEAM Night was a success
- AHS Robotics represented at World Competition in Texas
- Number Corner wrapping up for 2nd and 3rd grade
- Kagan training complete for 24-25 school year

Board Reports:

- Member S. Nieman said that she attended the MISD Budget meeting and was impressed with the things they are doing. She also talked about the legislature and the cell phone usage proposal. MASB opposes the current bill proposal because of the strictness of the language.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member M. Meerschaert is impressed with the robotics team having gone to Worlds. They had new leadership this year and they did very well.

S. Nieman:

- Member S. Nieman is proud of elementary teacher, Kellee Witgen. She was almost voted America's favorite teacher and she played a big roll in STEAM night as well as receiving many grants for her classroom.

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C. Nikkel:

- Member C. Nikkel was amazed that nine of our students agreed to have their heads shaved at the St. Baldrick's fundraiser. He said it takes a lot of guts.

S. Wylin:

- Member S. Wylin really loved the school musical, *Bright Star*. She said it made her cry. She also is proud that the food service group now has a Facebook page. She enjoys seeing the staff and appreciates the menu updates.

S. Hill:

- Member S. Hill gave kudos to the ACE (Armada Continuing Education) program. She was happy to learn of the success rate of the students.

S. Wolak:

- Member S. Wolak is proud to see the number of students with the STEM endorsement. She also said that the new bathrooms by the athletic field look amazing.

A. Blake:

- Member A. Blake appreciated what he learned about the ACE program. He is also proud of the administration and school staff members.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna enjoyed the *Bright Star* musical. She is also proud of the students attending the All Academic Banquet tonight.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary loved the musical, *Bright Star*, and said that it was the best play he has ever attended. The singing and dancing were phenomenal. He also said that he was happy to have attended the Teacher of the Year award ceremony recently and congratulated our teachers, Donna McCollom, Mark Zarate, and Margaret Lewis.



Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education