

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 20, 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

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake w/notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

- 25-27 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, 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

- 25-28 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. April 29, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. April 29, 2025 (Finance Committee Meeting Minutes)
2. Bills Payable in the amount of \$592,915.38
3. Personnel Report
 - Retirement: Greg Wylin, Custodian, effective 04-09-2025
 - Leave of Absence: Kylie Malburg (2025-2026)

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 25-29 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education award the high school pole barn bid to the low bidder, Orchard Construction, for an amount of \$66,873.00. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

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

Abstain: C. Nikkel

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

- 25-30 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution designating an electoral representative M. Meerschaert and alternate C. Nikkel for the MISD Board election and directing the representative to vote for candidate E. Farley and candidate D. Hubler of which the Board supports. (Staff Report #2)

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Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel, S. Wolak, S. Nieman
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 25-31 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the curriculum and courses listed below for the 2025-2026 school year as outlined in the previous curriculum presentation and as discussed in the previous curriculum committee meeting.
(Staff Report #3)

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Hill, C. Nikkel, S. Wolak, S. Nieman
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

- 25-32 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:00 p.m.

Hearing of the Public: None

Communications: None

Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, Super Kids Day was a success today!
- At the M.S., Honors Night will be next Wednesday (May 28) 6:30 pm at the HS Auditorium where we will be honoring 173 students.
- The H.S. graduation practice and the annual grad walk through the school buildings went well this morning. Due to the inclement weather forecast for tomorrow, we are moving the AHS graduation ceremony to the main gym at the HS at 6:00 pm. The doors open at 5:00 pm. We are not limiting guests and the event will be live streamed in the HS auditorium.
- At MA2S, 19 students earned a STEM Honors diploma.

Presentations

Student Awards:

Superintendent Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for April and May 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.

Outstanding Teachers: Bells were presented

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Margaret Lewis - Krause Elementary
Mark Zarate - Armada Middle School
Donna McCollom - Armada High School

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Outstanding Employees: Plaques were presented

David Locke - Transportation
Burton Hulett – School Safety
Brenda Byars – Administrative Assistant
Jayne Miller – Maintenance/Custodial
Maria Miller – Food Service
Katie Dumas – Early Childhood

Student Board Representative:

An award was presented to Jacob Dean for his service as the Student Representative on the Board of Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

Distinguished Scholars:

Awards were presented to the top 10 scholars of the 2025 Macomb County All Academic List:

Austin Malburg, Calahan Bolen, Colten Germundson, Mellany Hall, Charles McFarlin, Phillip Hernandez, Mary Tito, Jacob Dean, James Cusimano, Genevieve Henry

Special Education Report:

Special Services Director, Melanie Duletzke, announced the *Paraprofessionals of the Month* which were Ashley Burrell, Elementary, and Brandon Ponski, Secondary.

An award was also presented to John VanHamme from the Knights of Columbus, for their many years of generous support provided to the special education department.

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

Professional Development:

- All professional development days concluded for this school year
- Looking ahead for 2025-2026
 - Safety Training (to include cardiac emergency response plan)
 - Remaining Kagan Training (2 days)
 - PLCs

Approvals: Curriculum:

- Social studies curriculum: [TCI](#) (K-9)
- *Ways of the World*, 5th edition: AP World History
- McGraw Hill's *Economics*
- [Number Corner](#) approval for use in grades 1-3

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Approvals: New Courses

- Social studies special at Krause elementary
- [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 6th grade text: [The Westing Game](#) by Ellen Raskin (Mystery)

Board Reports: S. Nieman provided a brief legislative report. She said that the Senate and Governor have both released their budget proposals, but we are still waiting on the House. This may not help for a state school budget to be done by July 1, but is not uncommon.

Old Business: None

New Business:

- S. Nieman reported that the Armada Education Foundation is planning its golf outing for July 27th at Holly Meadows. Their goal is to raise \$25,000.00, which in turn would go back to the schools through grant awards.
- S. Hill asked if in the upcoming school year, when the venue for graduation is discussed, that everyone is notified so they can be a part of the decision process.

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert is impressed with how quickly everyone was able to switch gears and move the graduation from Jimmy John's to the high school gymnasium. She thanked all involved in making that relocation happen.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman is proud of the outstanding jobs the seniors have done in high school, especially those who took the time to apply for scholarships. She said that the scholarship awards night was nice and the kids do an outstanding job.

C. Nikkel:

- Member Nikkel enjoyed the student recognitions and the teacher recognitions tonight, but was also happy to see that some of the other employees/staff members were recognized for their services.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak said that with everything going on at the end of the school year, it must have been rough to change the graduation venue. Due to the weather forecast she said she thought it was a good and wise decision.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill was also impressed with scholarship night, with approximately \$106,000.00 awarded in scholarships. She also attended the senior walk through today when the seniors went through the elementary building. The young kids were so excited to see the seniors and it was emotional for her to watch.

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S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin said that today was elementary teacher, Nancy Moegle's, last Super Kids day due to her upcoming retirement. Ms. Wylin said that she participated under Ms. Moegle's leadership when she went to school, and today, her own children were able to enjoy it.

Student Rep:

- J. Dean expressed his pride in the teachers, staff, special education department, and counseling staff. He said he is thankful to all of the parents and people involved in organizing many of the senior activities throughout the year. He especially appreciated his time spent with the Armada Board of Education. He told them they are all wonderful people and it was a pleasure to be a part of the meetings with them.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna was proud and appreciative of the many staff members involved in setting things up in the gymnasium for graduation. She thanked everyone for pulling it all together so well.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is grateful, as well, to the many people involved in the set-up of the graduation change of venue. He said he woke at four in the morning and heard the forecast for rain for the next twenty-four hours and he knew they had to change it from outside to inside. He said everyone did a phenomenal job.



Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education