

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS**  
**BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**June 17, 2025**

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Macomb Academy of Arts & Sciences Gallery, 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Board President, Shawn Wylin.

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

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

- 25-33 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

- 25-34 Motion by S. Hill, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
  - a. May 20, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
  - b. May 20, 2025 (Special Meeting Minutes)
  - c. May 20, 2025 (Curriculum Committee Meeting Minutes)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$615,952.31.
3. Personnel Report:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Appointments	Coaches	2025-2026 Coach List	2025-2026
New Hire	Mitchell Lord	High School Science Teacher	08-20-2025
<u>NON-ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Change	Jeanna Rhodes	Literacy Teacher to Literacy Coach	2025-2026 School Yr.
Change	Todd Stump	MA2S Teacher to ACE Teacher	2025-2026 School Yr.
Resignation	Shawna VanPaemel	Food Service – Head Cook, Krause	6-5-2025
Retirement	Susan Andrews	Middle School – Library Clerk	6-30-2025
Resignation	Heather Merrill	Middle School Science Teacher	6-05-2025
Resignation	Lauren Isrow	High School Science Teacher	06-16-2025

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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- 25-35 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the attached names of Armada High School students having completed the requirements for graduation and received diplomas on May 21, 2025, be placed in the Official Minutes of the Armada Board of Education. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7– 0

- 25-36 Motion by S. Wylin, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Michigan High School Athletic Association membership resolution (attached) for the year August 1, 2025 through July 31, 2026, and that it be signed by the Secretary of the Board. (Staff Report #2)

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

All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-37 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution amending the 2024-25 budgets. (Staff Report #3)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

- 25-38 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the attached Budget Resolutions for the 2025-2026 school year. (Staff Report #4)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

- 25-39 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the resolution authorizing the district to borrow against the 2025/2026 school year a sum not to exceed \$1,000,000.00 via a State Aid Note through the Michigan Finance Authority. (Staff Report #5)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

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25-40 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education award the Armada Area Schools plumbing upgrade bid package to the low bidder, Contrast Mechanical Inc., in the amount of \$178,200.00 with the knowledge that this project is required to comply with state law on all drinkable water, and at least \$130,000 will be paid for through a state grant. (Staff Report #6)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7-0

25-41 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 7:37 p.m.

**Hearing of the Public:**

No public comments were made.

**Communications:**

- None

**Superintendent's Report:**

Superintendent Musary shared the Budget information that had been previously shared at the Budget Hearing prior to the regular meeting.

**2024 -2025 Budget Amendment Highlights**

- In the General Fund:
  - Bottom line (Fund Equity) increased by \$152,000 from April 29, 2025 budget amendment.
  - The MPSERS estimate is favorable for both revenues and expenditures vs. the previous budget amendment.
  - Budgeting a significant decrease to fund equity, but very possible that actual fund equity will be above \$2,000,000 based on historical spending.
- In the Food Service Fund:
  - Amended budget is based on actual revenue and expenditures.
  - Revenues were \$30,000 lower than projected and expenditures up \$96,714 over original budget. However, the bottom line (Fund Equity) increased by \$18,000 to \$26,162.

**2025-2026 Budget Highlights**

- In the General Fund:
  - State budget not approved at this time, so using Governor Whitmer's proposal of a \$392 per pupil funding increase for 25/26 (\$10,000 per pupil foundation).
  - Budget model keeps enrollment flat at 1,700 (down 6 FTE).
- In the Food Service Fund:

Budget model assumes the state will be paying for breakfast and lunches.

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

**K-12 Literacy and Dyslexia Laws**

- Released MDE Dyslexia Handbook
- Released two grants: 35m and 35n
  - 35m: Purchased Tier 1 or Tier 2 materials or professional development
  - Currently looking at Tier 2
  - 35n: Competitive literacy innovation grant
- MDE HQ Literacy Materials in January 2026
- Discussion of creating a district-wide literacy team for 2025-2026

**Additional Updates**

- Summer school is up and running at elementary school.
- Reviewing science needs in 2025-2026:
  - 2022-2023 ELA
  - 2023-2024 Math
  - 2024-2025 Social Studies
  - 2025-2026 Science
  - 2027-2028 Electives

**Board Reports:** None

**Old Business:** None

**New Business:** A. Blake said that some people have reached out to him about home-school students joining sports.

**Points of Pride:**

**M. Meerschaert:**

- Member Meerschaert is proud of all of the teachers and staff who made it a successful school year.

**S. Wolak:**

- Member Wolak enjoyed the graduation ceremony and said that when finances are not looking so well, it is nice to know Mr. Musary does a good job at navigating us through it.

**S. Hill:**

- Member Hill loved having the graduation ceremony in our home town and loved the baseball toss. She also congratulated the Trap Team for its success on winning state championship this past weekend.

**C. Nikkel:**

- Member Nikkel thought the graduation ceremony was nice. He had not been to one in over 20 years. He said the student speakers, the band, and the choir were awesome.

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A. Blake:

- Member Blake is proud of the success of the graduation ceremony and enjoyed it being held on our home turf.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman thanked Mr. Musary for creating the 25-26 budget with little information. She said he does an amazing job, it is his specialty, and she is confident he is close with his numbers.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin is proud of the summer school programs and is happy to see that the special education department is involved as well. She gave kudos to Tyler Phillips as today it was announced that Armada Area Schools was awarded the BWAC All Sports Championship.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary is proud of his summer maintenance workers. There are bus drivers and aides painting and doing extra work around the schools and they take pride in what they do.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna is proud of the students and staff at summer school.



Sherrie Hill  
Secretary, Board of Education