

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 16, 2025**

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

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

Board of Education Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

President S. Wylin called for a moment of silence to respect the loss of one of our high school students who had passed on September 12th.

- 25-55 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 - 0

- 25-56 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 19, 2025 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
 - b. August 19, 2025 (Policy Committee Meeting Minutes)
 - c. August 19, 2025 (Board Workshop Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,127,011.75.

3. Personnel Report:

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
New Hire	Kelly Kukuk	MS Special Ed. Instr. Aide	09-02-2025
New Hire	Devon Klimaszewski	MS Special Ed. Instr. Aide	09-02-2025
New Hire	Katelyn Wilson	from sub custodian to custodian	08-25-2025
New Hire	Jessica Livingston	Krause para sub and para scheduler	09-02-2025
<u>NON-ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Resignation	Jennifer Crosby	Krause Spec. Ed. Instr. Aide	08-22-2025
Resignation	Shana Nutt	Occupational Therapist	08-27-2025

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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- 25-57 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the second reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual (Volume 39, No. 2 – February 2025 updates) as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee. (Staff Report #1)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-58 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the list of names on the Professional Development Advisory Committee for the 2025-2026 school year. (Staff Report #2)

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

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

- 25-59 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 7:42 p.m.

Hearing of the Public: A high school senior spoke about a conflict regarding choosing EMT and wanting to participate in band events. He is hoping to help other students in the future to avoid the same situation.

Communications: None

Superintendent's Report:

Mr. Musary shared some pictures of the bond construction taking place this summer at the various school buildings.

- At Krause Elementary, the Open House was well attended on August 21st. The average K-5 class size is 25.0.
- Despite a power outage in the afternoon, the M.S., the "parent back to school night" last week went well and was well attended too – parents attended all six of their child's classes in 12 minute stints and met the teachers to go over the class curriculum. Also, N.W.E.A. testing is wrapping up. In addition, fall sports are off and running.
- At the H.S., fall sports are underway highlighted by the girls cross country team winning the first 8-team BWAC jamboree and the football team is 3-0 on the season. The homecoming parade will be Friday, September 19th at 4:00 pm followed by a varsity football game at 7:00 pm vs. Richmond. Both teams are 3 – 0 and highly ranked so we anticipate a very large crowd. Also, college visits are underway this week. Michigan State was here today, St. Clair Community College tomorrow, and Lake Superior State is here on Thursday.
- District K-12 enrollment is currently 1,682. We budgeted 1,700.

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

- Pictures of Professional Development Day for teachers were shared
- Test scores were shared
- Additional updates:
 - Transition away from ACT WorkKeys to WIN Work
 - Professional Development Committee
 - Cognia Mid-Cycle review complete
 - Sharing Resources: Post Graduation Opportunities (grades 8-12), Sexual Harassment Guide (grades 6-12), Pre-Voting Registration Information (grades 9-12), Safe storage of Firearms.

Board Reports:

- Student Representative reported that she found out that there are some special and extra opportunities for elementary students in reading, but not so much for the math programs.
- Member S. Nieman reported that the Legislative Committee met and things are not looking good for the October 1st budget deadline. She said they are being told to call our representatives.

Old Business: None

New Business: The topic of the new generators was discussed. They are looking into additional ways that they can be utilized for classroom lighting.

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert is proud of the student who recently had her artwork displayed on a billboard in Grand Rapids.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak said the school did a wonderful job at getting the information out and providing resources with the recent tragedy of one of our students. She said the community was amazing and she is touched by the way people come together in these circumstances.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake was pleased with the way the communication was handled regarding the loss of a student. He also said that he has gotten some feedback from some school of choice families and they are happy so far. Mr. Blake said that he was pleasantly surprised to hear that we actually have a fishing club!

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman was impressed with all of the counselors and staff who stepped up for the students when they were grieving themselves.

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S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin is proud of the way the information about the loss of the student was handled. She said she will be attending the funeral on Sunday. She also appreciated the middle school staff for the parent night and thought it was well run.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill thought that everything was handled well in light of the tragic loss last week.

C. Nikkel:

- Member Nikkel was also proud of the response team regarding the recent loss.

K. Skokna:

- Ms. Skokna is impressed with the response team at the district level and from the ISD. She added that today is IT day and she wanted to recognize Jack and Lisa for their hard work, especially at the beginning of the school year as they are getting everything up and running for staff.

M. Musary:

- Mr. Musary was thankful that the ISD came out to help with the grief counseling last week. He said all of the counselors and social workers and the school nurse made themselves available. It was a group effort. It was special that about sixteen members of the student's family came to the football game and there was a prayer service at the end.

Student Rep:

- Our student representative liked how the school supported everyone due to the loss of a student and the fact that resources were available and provided for all.



Sherrie Hill
Secretary, Board of Education