

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 25, 2026**

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

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

Board of Education Absent: A. Blake w/notice

Administration Present: K. Skokna

26-77 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, C. Nikkel, S. Wolak, S. Hill, S. Nieman

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

26-78 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. July 21, 2026 Regular Meeting
 - b. July 21, 2026 (Closed Session)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$821,274.49
3. Personnel Report

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
New Hire	William Sawyer	Substitute Custodian	08-03-2026
New Hire	Ashley Sawyer	Bus Driver	08-01-2026
New Hire	Beckie Kavanagh	Custodian (HS afternoon shift)	08-03-2026
New Hire	Lauren Giannetti	GSRP Lead Teacher	08-17-2026
New Hire	Izabela Tumalski	GSRP Aide floater A.M.	08-17-2026
New Hire	Erica Pfeiffer	GSRP Associate Teacher	08-17-2026
New Hire	Tiffany Sneddon	Child Care/GSRP Floater P.M.	08-17-2026
New Hire	Jared Biesbrouck	Middle School Dean of Students	08-24-2026
New Hire	Kellyn Ruthenberg	MS Spec. Ed. Instructional Aide	08-24-2026
Position Chg.	Katelyn Wilson	Custodian to Child Care	08-24-2026
Position Chg.	Kimberly Shannon	Lunch aide to Child Care/GSRP aide floater	08-17-2026
Recalled	Sheryl Leaver	Special Education/MS &Elem	08-01-2026
Resigned	Marguerite(Peggy)Wolfe	Library Aide – Krause	08-10-2026
Not Returning	Heather Urbanek	Special Projects	08-25-2026

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 6 – 0

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- 26-79 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by C. Nikkel, that the Board of Education approve the teacher tenure recommendations on the attached Staff Report #1.
(Staff Report #1)

<u>Name:</u>	<u>Hire Date:</u>	<u>Tenure Date:</u>	<u>Notes:</u>
Taylor Adams	06/09/2022	06/09/2026	4 years and at least 3 in a row HE/E
Ruth McKelvey	06/19/2024	06/19/2026	2 years with prior tenure
Hannah Homrich	07/08/2022	07/08/2026	4 years and at least 3 in a row HE/E
Julie Shanks	08/06/2024	08/06/2026	2 years with prior tenure
Charles Wenzel	08/14/2024	08/14/2026	2 years with prior tenure

Voice Vote:

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

- 26-80 Motion by S. Hill, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the attached curriculum guides for Krause Elementary School, Armada Middle School and Armada High School for the 2026-2027 school year.
(Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote:

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

- 26-81 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education meet in closed session for the purpose of discussing a student discipline matter. (Staff Report #3)

Roll Call:

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

CLOSED SESSION COMMENCED AT 7:15 P.M.

OPEN SESSION RESUMED AT 8:03 P.M.

- 26-82 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education deny reinstatement of student 012626 (Staff Report #4)

Roll Call:

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

- 26-83 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:12 P.M.

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Superintendent/Curriculum Updates: August 25, 2026

- Approval of [2026-2027 Curriculum Guides](#)
 - Course name changes, i.e. Building Trades now Construction Trades and 6th grade Band now Beginning Band
- Requirement of the [Presidential Physical Fitness Test](#)
- Current enrollment numbers at 1704.
 - Budgeted for 1680.
 - Does not include all students who may drop.
- Marching band and Fall sports underway.

Construction Update

- Working on finishing touches at high school now that HVAC system is replaced.
- New PA system installed at high school.
- Roofing at high school and middle school completed with the exception of trim work. Roofing at Administrative Building to take place in near future.

Team Additions

- William (Bill) Sawyer, Substitute Custodian
- Ashley Sawyer, Bus Driver
- Beckie Kavanagh, Custodian
- Lauren Giannetti, GSRP Lead Teacher
- Izabela Tumalski, GSRP Aide
- Erica Pfieffer, GSRP Associate Teacher
- Tiffany Sneddon, GSRP Aide/Child Care
- Kellyn Ruthenberg, Paraprofessional
- Jared Biesbrouck, Middle School Dean of Students

Upcoming Dates

August 26-27, 2026

Teacher Professional Development

August 27, 2026

Elementary Picnic, 4 PM-6 PM

August 31, 2026

First Day of School! ½ day

September 1, 2026

Board Workshop, 5:30 PM

September 4-7, 2026

No School. Labor Day Weekend.

Pictures of the old, unused portable building were shared and the consensus was to have it removed from the property.

MASB Delegate: It was agreed that S. Nieman would be appointed as the MASB voting delegate for the MASB Leadership Conference in October.

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Hearing of the Public: None

Communications: None

Board Reports: Member Meerschaert shared a flyer regarding Career and Technical Education Credentialing.

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert was proud of the custodial staff for having everything ready, cleaned, and repaired in time for school to start. She said they have been working very hard.

C. Nikkel:

- Member Nikkel said that he was impressed with everyone who volunteered at the Armada Fair last week. He said it was sweet seeing the students parking cars, and parents, coaches, Rotary, 4-H and so much of the community doing the work.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak was also impressed with the volunteers at the fair and said she was stoked about having the old portable building torn down.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill was not only impressed with everything about the Armada Fair and the volunteers, but she also felt that the Tiger Days was a great success and everything there was well run.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman was also proud of all of the volunteers who worked the Armada Fair. She was impressed that they even did clean-up.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin was really proud of Pal Camp which took place the week before the fair. She said that it is a privilege to be a part of that and is impressed with kids and parents, counselors, and staff. She also mentioned that some alumni travel from other states to come back for that week.

K. Skokna:

- Superintendent Skokna said the excitement of the fair and the volunteers of all ages that contributed was impressive, all week long. She also gave a huge shout out to the custodial/maintenance group who have been working on overdrive to get things done and they are doing a great job, as well as the food service workers returning back to school. It is all a team effort and it is cool to watch.



Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education