

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
September 15, 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: S. Wylin, S. Wolak, S. Hill,
S. Nieman, A. Blake

Board of Education Absent: M. Meerschaert w/notice, C. Nikkel w/notice, A. Blake, late
w/notice

Administration Present: K. Skokna

26-86 Motion by S. Hill, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

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

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 4 – 0

Member A. Blake arrived at 7:03 P.M.

26-87 Motion S. Wolak, supported by A. Blake, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
 - a. August 25, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
 - b. August 25, 2026 (Closed Session)
 - c. September 01, 2026 (Workshop)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$569,914.88
3. Personnel Report

<u>ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Change Position	Isabela Tumalski	from GSRP aide floater to GSRP Secretary	TBD
New Employee	Jason Scott	MS Spec. Services Instr. Aide	09-09-2026
New Employee	Heidi Macchi	Elem. Spec. Services Instr. Aide	09-09-2026
New Employee	Jared Cowdrey	Elem. Spec. Services Instr. Aide	09-09-2026
New Employee	Michelle Ketterman	Pupil Accounting Analyst	09-21-2026
New Employee	Nicole Pravato	Custodian	09-21-2026
<u>NON-ACTION</u>	<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>POSITION</u>	<u>EFFECTIVE</u>
Recalled/Accepted	Bradley Fergin	Music Teacher	08-28-2026
Resignation	Sara Surzyn	Music Teacher	08-28-2026
Resignation	Kylie Malburg	Special Education Teacher	09-11-2026
Resignation	Lauren Giannetti	GSRP Lead Teacher	08-26-2026
Resignation	Sheryl Leaver	Special Education Teacher	08-28-2026
Resignation	Christine Tietze	MS Spec. Services Instr. Aide	09-17-2026
Resignation	Casandra Boyle	Krause Media Center Clerk	09-04-2026
Resignation	Sherri Cooper	Pupil Accounting Analyst	09-21-2026

Voice Vote:

Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Wolak, S. Hill, S. Nieman, A. Blake

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Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

- 26-88 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by S. Hill, that the Armada Board of Education appoints the Professional Development Committee members as listed: (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote:

Ayes S. Wylin, S. Wolak, S. Hill, S. Nieman, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

- 26-89 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 7:20 P.M.

SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT AND CURRICULUM UPDATE:

- NWEA testing has started in all buildings.
- Middle and High School both have held class presentations.
- Annual Sharing of Resources
 - Post-Graduation Opportunities (grades 8-12)
 - Sexual Harassment Guide (grades 6-12)
 - Pre-Voting Registration Information (grades 9-12)
 - Safe Storage of Firearms
- Professional Development Committee Approval

Spring Test Results:

Subject	Grade Tested	Armada Area Schools	Macomb County	State of Michigan
ELA	3-7	48.7%	38.5%	39.8%
ELA	8*	74.5%	66.6%	64.8%
ELA	11**	67.2%	51.0%	52.1%
Math	3-7	47.2%	33.7%	35.9%
Math	8*	56.2%	31.1%	33.2%
Math	11**	37.8%	25.3%	26.5%
Science	5	57.4%	37.2%	40%
Science	8	51.8%	36.7%	39.2%
Science	11	47.5%	28.8%	35.2%
Social Studies	5	44.2%	24.7%	27.5%
Social Studies	8	65%	50.0%	50.3%
Social Studies	11	48.3%	38.1%	43.2%

*PSAT 8 Assessment

**School Day SAT Assessment

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Advanced Placement Test Results:



SCHOOL SUMMARY

	2022	2023	2024	2025	2026
Total AP Students	135	141	122	140	123
Number of Exams	235	277	220	269	233
AP Students with Scores 3+	68	95	68	99	87
% of Total AP Students with Scores 3+	50.37	67.38	55.74	70.71	70.73

Upcoming Dates

September 16, 2026	Middle School "Back to School" Night, 6-8 PM
September 17, 2026	Constitution Day!
September 29, 2026	State Board of Education Candidate Forum @ MISD for Board Members, 6:30 PM dinner and forum starts at 7:30 PM.
September 28-October 2, 2026	Homecoming Week!
October 2, 2026	½ day for students, teacher PLCs in the afternoon, Homecoming Parade and Game
October 9, 2026	No school for students. Teacher professional development.

Hearing of the Public: A parent/staff member/Music Booster President spoke in support of the music education programs at Armada Area Schools.

Communications: None

Board Reports: None

Old Business: None

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New Business: Member S. Nieman commented that the State Board of Education Candidate Forum is open to the public if anyone chooses to attend. It will be held at 7:30 P.M. on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, at the Macomb Intermediate School District, 44001 Garfield Road, Clinton Township, MI 48038, Room 201 A/B.

Points of Pride:

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak said that it was nice to see everyone back into the swing of things and she was impressed with the test scores.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill said that the communication with the Superintendent, Kelly Skokna, is top notch. She also gave Kudos to the maintenance crews as everything is looking nice, especially the landscaping.

S. Nieman:

- Member Nieman said that Kelly moved in seamlessly as the Superintendent and thinks that Kelly is handling any of the challenges well and is also committed to being transparent.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake said that with now having two of his children in the district, he has an even greater appreciation for the work that the staff does for the students and parents.

S. Wylin:

- Member Wylin said that she is especially proud of the special education department.

K. Skokna:

- Superintendent, Kelly Skokna, said that she is appreciative of the parent groups and boosters who have a huge impact on the success of the district. She is also grateful to the special education staff for making necessary adjustments for the best interest of the department and the students.



Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education