ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
October 20, 2026

The Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order on October 20, 2026, at 7:00 P.M. in the Armada Science Academy Gallery 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, MI 48005 by Vice President M. Meerschaert.

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

Board of Education Absent: S. Wylin, S. Nieman, both with notice

Administration Present: K. Skokna

26-92 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:
Ayes: M. Meerschaert, C. Nikkel, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

26-93 Motion S. Hill, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the consent agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes
   a. September 15, 2026 (Regular Meeting)
   b. October 6, 2026 (Workshop) (Closed Session)
2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of $794,831.91
3. Personnel Report

ACTION	**EMPLOYEE**	**POSITION**	**EFFECTIVE**
Position added	Mary Chapoton	Current MS lunch aide/added MS Para	10-13-2026
NON-ACTION	**EMPLOYEE**	**POSITION**	**EFFECTIVE**
Resignation	Beckie Kavanaugh	Custodian	10-16-2026

Voice Vote:
Ayes: S. Wylin, S. Wolak, S. Hill, S. Nieman, A. Blake
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

Jordan Bohlinger, Senior Accountant of Yeo and Yeo, presented the 2025-2026 Audit Report. The audit results met the highest level of assurance. There were no material weaknesses noted and no significant deficiencies noted.

26-94 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Wolak, that after the auditing firm's presentation and receipt of their final audit report, the Board of Education accepts the 2025-2026 audit report as presented. (Staff Report #1)

Voice Vote: M. Meerschaert, C. Nikkel, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill
Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

26-95 Motion by A. Blake, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution honoring Armada's outstanding principals and administrators. (Staff Report #2)

Voice Vote: M. Meerschaert, C. Nikkel, A. Blake, S. Wolak, S. Hill
Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 5 – 0

26-96 Vice President, M. Meerschaert, adjourned the meeting at 7:51 P.M.

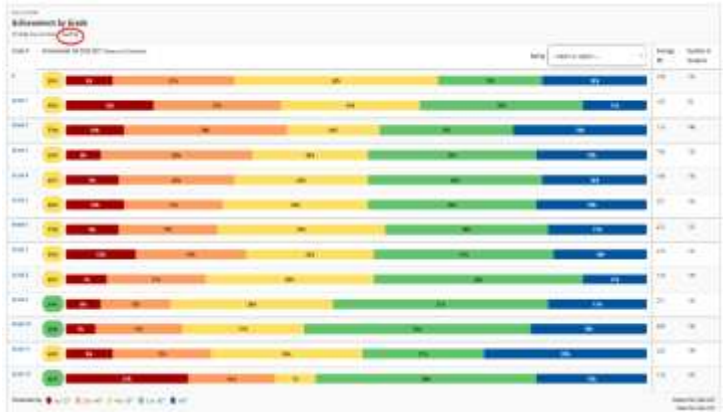
SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT AND CURRICULUM UPDATE:

- Homecoming was a success! Thank you to Mr. Weinert, STUCO, and volunteer staff and parents!
- Trimester 1 is officially past the ½ way point.
- MS Armada Pi-Gears held "Breakfast and Bots," a community outreach event.
- Count Day was Wednesday, October 7th. Enrollment should be around 1700, up from 1680.
- Golfer Annelise Huston represented us at States this past weekend.
- Marching Band earned straight Division I ratings from all 3 judges at the MSBOA Marching Band Festival.

NWEA Fall Results - Math



NWEA Fall Results – Reading



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Upcoming Dates

October 19-23, 2026, evening of October 22, 2026, 4-6 PM	Elementary Book Fair
October 20, 2026 (Today)	High School 11th (and some 10th) took the PSAT/NMSQT
October 21, 2026	All 8th graders taking the PSAT 8
October 21, 2026	Unity Day & High School Fall Preview Concert
October 30, 2026	½ day for students, teacher PLCs in the afternoon, elementary Halloween Parade.
November 3, 2026	No school for students. Professional development for teachers.
November 19-20, 2026	½ days, end of Trimester 1

Audit Update

- 2025-2026 audit complete.
- Yeo & Yeo is our auditing firm.

Key Findings:

- Unmodified Opinion = Highest rating
- Anticipated decline in our Fund Equity Balance
  - Worked to rightsize, while being careful to maintain programming
  - Moved all high school Academy courses to the high school to eliminate the need for additional administration and busing between buildings
  - Restructured Central Office and the administrative team
  - Implemented a spending freeze to focus on essential purchases only
  - Continued to work to capitalize on grant opportunities

Hearing of the Public:

- A parent spoke about the marching band earning straight Division I ratings from all 3 judges at the MSBOA Marching Band Festival. They will be performing a High School Fall Preview concert on October 21, 2026 at 7:00 P.M.

Communications: None

Board Reports: None

Old Business: None

New Business: None

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

- Member Meerschaert said that the fall sports seemed to be successful this year and she is impressed with the music program.

S. Hill:

- Member Hill was proud of the marching band's Division I rating and said that they put in a lot of time and practice.

S. Wolak:

- Member Wolak enjoyed seeing the students receive their awards. She said it was fun to get back to that again after the summer break.

A. Blake:

- Member Blake praised the Krause Administration and thought the Trunk or Treat, put on by the High School Health and Wellness Club, (that occurred prior to the meeting) was a huge success.

C. Nikkel

- Member Nikkel expressed his pride in the Middle School office staff because they are always happy and have smiles on their faces. He also said he was impressed with the cross country athletes at BWAC.

K. Skokna:

- Superintendent Skokna said she was proud of the principals who are handling their restructuring process very well. She also gave a shout out to golfer, Annelise Huston, who represented us at States this past weekend. She said she was impressed with the marching band, as well, for earning straight Division I ratings from all 3 judges at the MSBOA Marching Band Festival.

Sherrie, Hill
Secretary, Board of Education