

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MINUTES
Tuesday, January 16, 2018, at 5 p.m.
Administration Building Board Room
74500 Burk Street, Armada, Michigan 48005**

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray (arrived at
6:08 p.m.), S. Nieman, T. Seago J. Tobey

Absent: None

Administrators Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

School Personnel Present: none

Guests Present: none

The workshop commenced at 5:09 p.m. Items discussed were Sinking Fund Projects, Advertising, Curriculum Items (new courses, GSRP curriculum, etc.). The Board requested to hear from the building principals twice per year instead of once. The workshop was adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Judy Tobey
Secretary

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The organizational meeting of the Board of Education was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Armada High School located at 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, Michigan, by Superintendent Michael G. Musary, acting as temporary chair until the election of the Board President. Cathy Campbell was appointed temporary secretary until the election of officers took place.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago, J. Tobey, Student Representative
Absent: none
Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski, K. Skokna, M. Gosciewski
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, R. Caporuscio, S. DeMarco, R. Ulinski
Guests Present: Students of the Month & their families, Thespians & their families, Conservatory of the Arts performers and their families, Choir performers and their families, and Tony Marasco.

18 – 01 Motion by S. Kline, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

18 – 02 Nomination by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, to elect Scott Kline as President. No other nominations were made.

Scott Kline was unanimously elected **President** of the Armada Board of Education.

18 – 03 Nomination by E. Genord, supported by S. Nieman, to elect Cheryl Murray as Vice President. No other nominations were made.

Cheryl Murray was unanimously elected **Vice President** of the Armada Board of Education.

18 – 04 Nomination by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago, to elect Susan Nieman as Treasurer. No other nominations were made.

Susan Nieman was unanimously elected **Treasurer** of the Armada Board of Education.

18 – 05 Nomination by E. Genord, supported by M. Meerschaert, to elect Judy Tobey as Secretary. No other nominations were made.

Judy Tobey was unanimously elected **Secretary** of the Armada Board of Education

18 – 06 Motion by C. Murray, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education designates regular Board meetings be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

President Kline requested to know after the meeting if anyone has a different preference for committee assignments for 2018.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING MATTERS

18 – 07 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education meet in Closed Session for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation. The meeting will take place in Room #15 (Distance Learning Lab) of the High School. *(A roll call vote was taken—all ayes.)*

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

18 – 08 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

—December 19, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
—Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$1,275,510.88

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

18 – 09 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the bid resolution for the 2018 School Building and Site Bonds.

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

The Board took a short recess and convened the Closed Session in Room #15 (Distance Learning Lab) at the High School at 8:30 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent’s evaluation. At 9:09 p.m., the Closed Session ended.

18 – 10 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education adjourn the regular Board Meeting at 9:11 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public

Tony Marasco asked if there is any progress on the sponsorship matters brought up by him at previous board meetings. President Kline indicated that this matter was discussed at length at a Board Workshop earlier this evening. He indicated that they will allow sponsoring of teams next year and added that it is a great idea. President Kline indicated that more detailed information will be released later this year.

Communications

None

Superintendent’s Report--Assisted by Student Representative

Superintendent Musary displayed some photographs that were reviewed by the Student Representative: 1.) The AHS Troupe 7919 at the Michigan Thespian Festival in Grand Rapids (Results: 8 Superior Awards, 8 Excellent Awards, 19 College Call Backs, and \$396,500 in college scholarship offers; 2.) 34 AHS Students Competed at BPA Regionals on January 12, 2018 vs. 400 other students from 15 different high schools (AHS Results: Won

21 medals, including 14 gold medals and 18 AHS students qualified for the BPA State Finals; 3.) Students from the AHS Dance Team performed on January 1st at halftime of the Orange Bowl with Andy Grammer. Lastly, Superintendent Musary stated "Happy School Board Appreciation Month!" and provided a photograph of Elementary student artwork on display in the Administrative Building in honor of our School Board Members. In addition, the Superintendent with the assistance of the Student Representative provided the following updates:

- Elementary Highlights—The Elementary 4th grade students held their annual Festival of Foods event as part of their social studies curriculum. Also, on snow days we are challenging students to post pictures of themselves playing outside, reading to siblings or pets to show they are not in front of a screen all day.
- Middle School Highlights—The Middle School is starting up a National Junior Honor Society – 87 7th and 8th grade students received an invite to apply for NJHS (3.6 cumulative GPA). The MS also has an Academic Success Program where students receive milk and cookies during lunch for earning a 3.5+ GPA during the first trimester – 51 8th graders, 47 7th graders, and 39 6th graders received recognition.
- High School Highlights by Student Representative—Former AHS graduates spoke to current students in December about how to be successful in college. The PLT's project care program was able to raise nearly \$1,000 and brought in 1,300 supplies for local families in need for Christmas. Channel 955 disc jockeys were on hand at our home boys basketball game on January 5th as we were the HS Takeover game of the week. On January 9th, our HOSA students hosted an evening event on the dangers of vaping. In athletics, the varsity girls basketball team is off to the best start in school history with an 8-0 record. There will be a Relay for Life pasta dinner fund-raiser prior to the varsity basketball game Friday, January 19.
- MA²S Highlights by Student Representative—The Fighting Pi have their FIRST POWER UP Game Animation (course is a video game) rules and are preparing for their first competition in Gibraltar on March 1 – 3, 2018.
- Technology Update: Two elementary teachers have received the tablets that they applied for through AEF grant funding. Installation of the cameras for eight (8) busses, with three (3) cameras per bus will be completed soon.

Presentations

- 1.) Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Armada Middle School (2 students), and Armada High School (2 students). They were each introduced and awarded with a Certificate. (Note that the Elementary Students of the Month will be combined with the months of December and January for the February board meeting.)
- 2.) A Thespian student presented his overview of being a Stage Manager for *The Addams Family* recent production. All of the students that placed at the recent Thespian Festival were introduced and were given a certificate. Those that received superior awards were also awarded medals.
- 3.) There were three sets of student performers representing the Conservatory of the Arts program.
- 4.) The Armada Choir (in honor of Board Appreciation Month), performed three songs for the Board.
- 5.) High School Acting Principal Kelly Skokna provided a High School Update:

2017 Highlights

- Our #Accepted is at 54% and growing daily.
- Counseling department worked with OU to offer a financial workshop to our parents.
- 42 students inducted into NHS.
- Students have had opportunities to visit JAC Products, Cosworth, and Michigan CAT.
- AEF awarded our teachers \$3,960 for various projects.
- Two of our teachers received National Board Teacher Certification: Mr. Becker and Mr. Carlson.
- \$396,500 in scholarships offered to our students at Thespian Festival.
- Medical Reserve Team ran first aid station at Lego Robotics and organized our informational meeting on vaping.
- BPA competed with 34 students and had 21 take home medals, 14 of which were first place.

- Channel 95.5 crashed our basketball game.
- Two of our students were named CTE students of the year.
- A female student was one of four students in Macomb County nominated to a U.S. Service Academy: West Point.

Additional Items

- ♦ Some of the new changes to PowerSchool & Parent Dashboard were reviewed.
- ♦ Student Performance on State Tests was reviewed.
- ♦ MI School Data pertaining to graduation rate, advanced coursework, and on-track attendance was reviewed.
- ♦ The Spring Focus will be on 2018 testing
- ♦ The following testing data was reviewed:
 - 2017 BWAC SAT Results
 - 2017 Macomb County SAT Results
 - 2017 SAT Subject Area Comparison
 - PSAT 10 Results
- ♦ Several examples were provided to Improve Achievement and looking ahead this year and 2018/2019.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski provided detailed information about the following curriculum items:

- **AdvancED Tasks** —AdvancED Program Evaluations are due June 30th and the School Improvement Plan is due September 1st. It was mentioned that Climate & Culture surveys might be possibly to be deployed in spring
- **MI-School Data Parent Dashboard is Active** —The MI-School Data Parent Dashboard preview was supposed to be active beginning December 28th, although as of today it is not yet up.
- **Summit Applications** —It was proposed that Summit Applications be submitted by High School 9th grade teachers; Middle School teams; and by the Elementary 5th grade teachers.
- **Competency Based Education** —Adjustments need to be scheduled for focus groups/mentoring time, project time, and possibly team students.
- **EXCEL Program** — It was suggested that we launch a gift and talented program. In addition, pricing should be at a level that allows us to provide scholarships for a remedial program as well. He also suggested that administrative candidates run the program in the summer or after school in order to develop future administrators.
- **Instructional Model** — PLC Leaders should provide feedback about the instructional model.
- **Curriculum Shift** — Various aspects of a curriculum shift were reviewed.

Reports

The Student Representative indicated that the items previously reported with the Superintendent completes his report.

Old Business

Tami Seago asked if there is a crosswalk update. The Superintendent responded that there is very little to update since last month. The Township has approved buying a new flashing light, with a cost to the district. We were told that we were going to receive (probably 1.5 months ago) three different options from the County and we just have to pick one. He indicated that we are so frustrated and added that we may have to go to Mark Hackel to get this matter resolved. He indicated that he has been assisted by Thompson and Laurie Mischdt and they seem to have made a little progress for him, but ultimately he has not received the quotes that we are looking for. Tami Seago indicated that she talked to John and they were thinking of doing something by the Fire Department too. She added that maybe if you guys rallied together and she indicated that John has a great working relationship with the County, he might be able to help you. The Superintendent responded by indicating that he will give him a call.

New Business

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski requested to know if the board was interested in electronic board agendas/meetings. He added that this is how we run our Administrative meetings. Scott Kline responded absolutely. The Assistant Superintendent indicated that you would just need a device. He added that it would be much easier because you could just click on the link instead of shuffling through papers. The Superintendent indicated that if we do not have devices, he supposes we can get some Chromebooks. Mr. Jankowski added that it would make life easier on our part and would save on copying.

Points of Pride

M. Meerschaert: Kelly Skokna. At Christmas, she gave to each student these (she showed the note indicating that "you matter") along with a candy cane. She thought that it was an awesome idea.

T. Seago: BPA going to regionals and what they did. She added that they went up against Rochester, Troy Athens, and Dakota and they pulled all of those medals and did a phenomenal job.

C. Murray: PLT supporting Relay for Life with the spaghetti dinner. She added that not only that, they have a fund-raiser coming up in a couple of weeks for themselves to help kids with cancer if they need help going to camp. It is a group of kids that really care about PAL camp and our students.

S. Nieman: The Maintenance Department, the Administrators, and the Superintendent for putting together the list of projects for the sinking fund, which took a lot of thought, time, and investigation and it makes our job easier.

J. Tobey: All of the kids who are considering and/or nominated into the National Honor Society/The Junior National Honor Society. She added that it is a lot of kids to be pushing their accomplishments.

E. Genord: Our district again as people come to him and indicate that they heard that Armada Schools are pretty good out there, is that true? He added that this speaks a lot of volumes when it reaches outside of our community. It is really a Point of Pride for everyone that is involved here.

P. Jankowski: He seconded Kelly Skokna. He added that it just shows you that when you start with caring for students first, what a difference it makes. He added that she is doing a nice job.

Student Representative: Athletics and the girls having a really great start to the season.

M. Musary: ACA staff and students that performed for the school board tonight. He added that we are very fortunate to have this option for our students as a lot of districts do not.

S. Kline: Anytime this Board brings up ideas or things that we can improve, this Administration always tries to figure out a way to do it (and he provided various examples).

Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education