

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
May 16, 2017

A Special Board of Education meeting was called to order at 5:10 p.m. in the Administration Building Board Room located at 74500 Burk Street, Armada, Michigan 48005, by President Scott Kline.

Board of Education Present: E. Genord, S. Kline, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, S. Nieman, T. Seago (arrived at 5:14 p.m.), J. Tobey
Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell
Guests Present: None

17 - 29 Motion by C. Murray, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

17 - 30 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution to consider designation of Cheryl Murray as representative and Edward Genord as the alternate as the electoral representative for the ISD Board election.

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

Discussion items included the budget, 2017/2018 Sinking Fund and Future Capital Projects, and Valedictorian(s)/Salutatorians.

17 - 31 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by C. Murray, to adjourn the Special Board meeting at 6:50 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None MOTION PASSED

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The regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Gallery of the Macomb Academy of Arts and Sciences located at 23211 Prospect Street, Armada, Michigan 48005, by President Scott Kline.

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, D. Holston
School Personnel Present: C. Campbell, R. Blume, Administrative Intern K. Skokna, D. Ackerman, V.
Fiddes, D. Mitchell
Guests Present: Distinguished Scholars along with family members

17 – 32 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by T. Seago, that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 33 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by E. Genord, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- April 18, 2017, Regular Board Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$3,651,745.54
- Personnel Report
 - Employment of Kristina Childers, Title I Aide, effective May 15, 2017
 - Termination of Anna Aul, Attendance Secretary (HS), effective April 20, 2017
 - Retirement of Deborah Mitchell, Teacher (KE), effective June 30, 2017
 - Leave Rescinded of Jessica Schlehuder, Teacher (KE), effective 2017/2018 School Year

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 34 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education approve the attached resolution designating an electoral representative and alternate for the ISD Board election and directing the representative to vote for the candidate the Board supports.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 35 Motion by C. Murray, supported by J. Tobey, that the Board of Education approve the second and final reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual as recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee, which includes Volume 31, Number 2; Special Release ESSA Collection, Phase I; Special Release Technology Collection, Phase II; and the Commemoration of School Facilities Policy 7250 as presented.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

17 – 36 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education adjourn the regular Board Meeting at 8:39 p.m.

Ayes: All
Nays: None

MOTION PASSED

Hearing of the Public & Communications

None.

Presentations

1.) **2017 Teachers of the Year**—Superintendent Musary recognized the efforts of three (3) district teachers for receiving Armada Outstanding “Teacher of the Year Awards”; specifically, Elementary Teacher Deborah Mitchell, Middle School Teacher Dean Ackerman, and High School Teacher Violet Fiddes. Each was introduced and came forward to accept a gift from the district.

2.) **Distinguished Scholars**--High School Interim Principal Phillip Jankowski introduced ten (10) Distinguished Scholars of the Class of 2017. Students were presented a Certificate and engraved paperweight to each from the Board of Education.

3.) **Student Representative for the Board of Education**--The High School Student Representative to the Board of Education was thanked for his service this school year and was presented with a Certificate.

4.) **Athletic Program Update:** Athletic Director Don Holston provided information about the philosophy, participation, highlights, and facilities of the district’s athletic program.

- a. “The philosophy of Armada Athletics is to create a positive, well rounded experience that goes well beyond teaching a sport or skill. Student athletes will gain important social, leadership, and team building skills while enjoying the thrill of competition.”
- b. The overall participation is steady, with fewer eligibility issues. The district still has dual sporting athletes. He stated that there are a high number of athletes participating in summer camps/workouts.
- c. There are 459 total athletes consisting of 217 one sport, 165 two sport, 75 three sport, 2 five sport, and 24 three sport varsity athletes.
- d. The Athletic Program Highlights are: Multiple all county athletes, wrestling competed for a district final, boys’ and girls’ bowling competed at the state competition, four individuals competed in bowling at the state competition, baseball and soccer are on pace to potentially win league titles, and girls’ tennis won the BWAC championship.
- e. An AAS senior signed with Houghton College in New York to play baseball.
- f. Compliments are received all the time about our fields and courts. He also reviewed the condition of various facilities.

5.) MA²S Update

Interim High School Principal Phil Jankowski indicated Administrative Interns Kelly Skokna and Amanda Parus talked to students, conducted surveys, analyzed data, etc. to identify some options. There were focus groups with students that identified some of the obstacles students had with entry to the Academy.

- ❖ Inflexibility as students are locked into the three hours and had a reduced opportunity to participate in other programs such as HOSA, Renewable Energy, Band, Foreign Language, etc.
- ❖ Lack of Opportunities as there were fewer college credit opportunities and less opportunities to self-direct their learning because the program was more one size fits all.
- ❖ Lack of Internship Opportunities
- ❖ Feeling that they were separated from the main student body.

- ❖ Some students indicated that there was a lack of relevance because now with concurrent/dual enrollment, etc., colleges do not necessarily recognize the program because now they can get actual college credit. There are actually other opportunities that they could get because students want to get guaranteed college credit.

The other process was the whole on ramp and off ramps. Right now students start in the Middle School and it is kind of a straight path. Students have only one other opportunity to join the Academy in 9th grade. There were, however, a lot of off ramps causing the attrition rate to be 50% between 9th and 12th grade and this has been continual for the last 10-12 years. We looked at the programs that were growing and we looked at surveys data and student interest to identify those problems. This resulted in these four things:

- #1—Students like the college credit opportunity.
- #2—Students like the opportunity to have career internships.
- #3—Students like competitive experiences. For example, they can go to BPA and Robotics and so on so that they can expand their experiences.
- #4—Students like having additional creativity and the ability to change their schedule. If they want to go into Mortuary Sciences, then we can build something for them along those lines and they can do college credits through dual enrollment, that is what they want to do because they want to get that head start.

The team of principals (Todd Schafer, Don Holston, Academy Interim Coordinator Rob Blume, and Phil Jankowski) looked at these four principles and what kind of principles were desired for the Academy. Increasing the rigor was discussed and making it a competitive entry just to add a little bit more prestige. It needed to be more flexible and provide some choice for students. We know that they share their research projects, but what else can we do for public exhibitions of learning so that students can showcase their skills. Parallel honors courses need to be offered allowing students additional on ramps to the Academy. Block scheduling will provide more support for learners as it has done in the past. In addition, schedules need to be aligned between the Middle School and High School. Also, it was noted that Academy course progression allows more flexibility for career pathways that includes a customized research component meeting the needs of different student needs and scheduling also needs to allow students the flexibility to take foreign language and band. The daily schedule is still a work in progress.

Superintendent's Report

Superintendent Musary provided a quick visual update of various items including photographs of the Middle School Orchestra as they worked with Composer Darryl Johnson II, plus a photograph of the new district lift. He also provided the following school updates:

- At the Elementary, they had two successful events that raised over \$1,000 each. They had a Relay Recess (which is similar to Relay for Life), and K-5 students raised money by doing laps to support the fight against cancer. Also, their annual STEAM event was well attended as hundreds of students and families came out and listened to our orchestra, viewed student artwork, played with hands-on activities, and visited the Detroit Institute of Arts traveling exhibit.
- At the Middle School, the 7th/8th grade string orchestra and the 7th/8th grade concert band both performed a piece at their concert last night written by composer Darryl Johnson II. Mr. Johnson flew in from Los Angeles, California to work with the students and attend their concert.
- At the High School, the girls tennis team captured 1st place in the B.W.A.C. and head to the M.H.S.A.A. Division 2 Regionals this Friday in Port Huron.
- The High School Choir and the High School Band will be performing on Saturday, May 27th at Jimmy Johns Field in Utica. In addition, the AAS Superintendent will be throwing out the first pitch prior to the 7:05 p.m. game.
- Technology Update – Installation of the sound system at the Middle School and High School are underway.

Curriculum Update

Assistant Superintendent Phil Jankowski provided the following Curriculum Update:

- **SCHEDULING** — The district is looking to adjust staffing to fit enrollment projections by absorbing positions. Currently mass scheduling is taking place and we are looking to address elementary class sizes.
- **POWER TEACHER PRO TRAINING THE TRAINER** — One teacher from each level along with the District Data Coordinator went to training 5/11 and 5/12 on the new gradebook.
- **SUMMIT BASE CAMP** — The Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent are visiting Dexter School on 5/22 to look at Summit Base Camp. Summit Base Camp is a personalized learning platform designed by Facebook with free training and use by districts.
- **STATE LEGISLATOR TOUR/STATE SUPERINTENDENT BRIAN WHISTON** — State Superintendent along with state legislators will be visiting Armada, Fraser, and Center Line to look at CTE & Employment along with talent development. Their visit to Armada is June 5th.
- **SENATOR PAVLOV & STAFF VISIT** — The Senator Pavlov & staff visit will focus on student assessment direction, career talent development, Michigan Talent Transcript, and Teacher Certification enhancement.
- **GOVERNOR'S EDUCATION SUMMIT - FEEDBACK** — At the Governor's Education Summit feedback will be requested for the following items:
 - a. Growing alignment between public and private sectors
 - b. Per Michael Fullan, Michigan is trying to take on too much at once.
 - c. We need to focus more on soft skills (creativity and collaboration)
 - d. Targeted funding (along with the norm going forward)
 - e. Movement away from proficiency and more toward growth
 - f. Providing schools more freedom to innovate.
- **ADDITIONAL ITEMS** — 1.) Armada High School was 12th or 16th of the top 50 graduation rates. 2.) The students in the statistics class of the Academy (about two thirds) competed in Grand Rapids in an annual competition. We had students that placed first and second.

Reports

The Student Representative indicated that there is a lot of success in our spring sports this year: Girls' Tennis BWAC, baseball is playing for a BWAC title, guys' and girls' track (the guys' track team is competing for first BWAC since 1982), we had a lot of success at the HOSA state competition (we have several teams that are going to nationals to compete there and that is really exciting). In addition, the Academy is just finishing up their year-long senior research presentations and he believes that tomorrow is the last day for them. Relay for Life is this Saturday and the location of the event has been moved. He added that you definitely can tell that the end of the year is coming because we finally have yearbooks in.

Old Business/New Business

None

Points of Pride

E. Genord: This year's Prom as it went off without much drama and it was a good representation of our community and kids. He also provided a "hats off to those who volunteered!"

J. Tobey: 1.) Safe prom 2.) All of the coaches and all the time that they put in and things that they do to help the kids.

S. Nieman: The STEAM event held at the Elementary School. She stated that it was phenomenal and Teacher Becky Pillion puts in a lot of time as do other teachers. There were also a lot of examples of funding provided by Armada Education Foundation. There was good community participation.

C. Murray: Proud that our kids are continuing to represent our school at Relay for Life and work hard to raise money for cancer research and our staff is also participating and supervising in the event. Mrs. Murray added that they always make us proud!

T. Seago: 1.) Top Scholars and the bright futures that they have. 2.) Phil Jankowski and his team for bringing the information from the Academy and all of the hard work that went into that.

M. Meerschaert: 1.) Our music program and the opportunities that it gives our students from the concert last night with Darryl Johnson commissioning the work to Keenan who also enlisted the help of Percussionist Keith Ottenbacher from KO Music Studio. 2.) Our Choir going to Jimmy John's Field on 5/27. All of these provide great opportunities for our kids!

Student Representative: The ability to recognize all of our top scholars for all of the hard work that they put in because it is some tough work.

P. Jankowski: The High School did a great job in their first successful event required to be designated next year as "Heart Safe."

M. Musary: The Student Advisory Committee. This was the first year since Middle School that he had some students on the committee for five years. Some of them have been advising me for five years and he also annually adds new seniors on the committee. Their input has been valuable and it is also fun to see them grow from middle schoolers to high school seniors.

S. Kline: President Kline indicated that he has been to a lot of concerts over the years and last night's concert was one of the most enjoyable ones he has been to. The students performed very well!

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**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION WORKSHOP MINUTES
May 31, 2017, at 5 p.m.
Administration Building Board Room
74500 Burk Street, Armada, Michigan 48005**

Board of Education Present: S. Kline (arrived late), C. Murray, J. Tobey
Absent: E. Genord, M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, T. Seago
Administrators Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski
School Personnel Present: none
Guests Present: none

The workshop commenced at 5:04 p.m. The Superintendent reviewed and discussed the Community Feedback from the meeting held on Wednesday, May 24, 2017, pertaining to Capital Projects. He supplied charts and provided handouts. The workshop was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Judy Tobey
Secretary