

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
December 17, 2019**

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

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, T. Seago-Fry, S. Nieman, C. Murray
Student Representative, Victoria Turnbull

Absent: M. Meerschaert, J. Ackerman, J. Tobey w/ notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

Guests Present: Student of the Month recipients and their family members.

19-74 Motion by T. Seago-Fry, supported by S. Nieman that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

19-75 Motion by C. Murray, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education designate its regular/organizational January meeting be held on January 21, 2020, at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada High School, 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, Michigan, 48005. Further, that any current Board officers, Superintendent of Schools, and Director of Business and Operations be authorized to sign checks on behalf of the district until the election of officers takes place.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

19-76 Motion by C. Murray, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- November 19, 2019, Regular Meeting Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable totaling \$629,103.85
- Personnel Report

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

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- 19-77 Motion by T. Seago-Fry, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education Approve the attached Annual Summer Tax resolution, which allows the district to collect 50% of its taxes in the summer of 2020, (with the modification added to include that the additional 50% is to be taken in the winter).

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

- 19-78 Motion by C. Murray, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education Approve the district opt-in to an 80/20 plan for employees required to co-pay on health insurance beginning January 1, 2020.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

- 19-79 Motion by T. Seago-Fry, supported by S. Nieman, that the Board of Education Approve the second and final reading of the changes to the Board of Education's Policy Manual (Vol 34, No. 1, October 2019 Special Updates) as presented and recommended by NEOLA and the Board of Education's Policy Committee. Included is also the correction to Policy 5610 under Due Process which should read: ***The Superintendent may suspend a student for more than 10 days of school.***

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

- 19-80 Motion by C. Murray, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education Approve the proposed calendar change for 2020-2021 which allows instruction to be scheduled before Labor Day. In a previous public hearing, a representative from the Michigan Department of Education announced approval of the waiver to amend the calendar for three years and that the district may choose to implement the waiver at their discretion.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

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19-81 Motion by S. Nieman, supported by C. Murray, that the Board of Education Approve the proposed resolution which delegates the Superintendent or his designees, the authority to take any and all actions and to execute any and all documents necessary to ensure and implement District compliance with the Revised School Codes' school safety provisions.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 4 - 0

19-82 President, Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 7:50 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from T. Seago-Fry, supported by S. Nieman.

Hearing of the Public: No public comments were made.

Communications: There were no communications to be made.

Presentations:

- Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Krause Elementary School, Armada Middle School, and Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate.
- A brief 5 minute recess took place after the award distribution.

Superintendent's Report :

ARMADA SCHOOL UPDATES

- At the elementary, Career Expo on November 25th was a huge success – our 4th & 5th grade students got to experience a variety of careers from carpentry, nursing, engineering, law enforcement, and many more.
- At the Middle School, the Armada Pi-Gears Robotics Team 14706, were on the runner-up alliance at the state level competition on December 13 & 14 at Macomb Community College. There were 71 teams in the competition.
- At the High School, students have been performing many acts of community service including a National Honor Society blood drive, a card drive for hospitalized children and for the Make-A-Wish foundation. National Honor Society students also volunteered to help out with Breakfast with Santa.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi will find out their competition the first week of January.

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Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Mr. Phil Jankowski, provided an update of the following:

1. Marshall Plan Update

- A. Maker Spaces
 - i. Ready to deploy Maker Spaces at all levels
 - ii. Elementary has most of their materials - plan on setting up over break
 - iii. HS has most of its materials - Defever setting things up
 - iv. MS - refining list and beginning to purchase items
 - v. Maker Space Supervision
 - a. Revisit in May
 - vi. Training - Steering Committee January 10 in afternoon - admin welcome to join
 - vii. Rest of PLC Leaders to follow in spring
- B. Platform - Empower
 - i. Mixed response from the few that reviewed it so far
- C. Next Steps
 - i. Assessment and Feedback is still lacking
 - ii. Teachers are still focusing on their coverage of material instead of student learning

2. CBE Consultant - Dan Joseph

- A. January 9 & 10 - Meet with teachers to follow-up on previous work
 - i. See if they are actually following through
- B. January 11 - Saturday Morning 9 am-12 pm
 - i. Meet with PLC Leaders & Admin

3. Grading Review T1

- A. No parent complaints
- B. Much greater consistency across classrooms and departments
- C. Main teacher concern is it is seemingly easier to pass if you do not set a standard minimum threshold
- D. HS Grades slightly down from last year - statistically insignificant

4. Student Count Audit - 100%

- A. Thanks to Debbie Szydoski, Fran Vandenbrouck, Sheila Phillips, and Sherri Cooper for handling the extra documentation that was requested at the last minute

5. NBCT -

- A. Rob Blume and Jason Hundey passed
- B. Took three retakes on three different modules
- C. Looking at starting another cohort

6. XELLO Rollout

- A. Working well so far - good response from kids
- B. Loading lessons on 21st Century Skills/Habits of the Mind
 - i. ASCD has some nice resources

7. 2020-21 Calendar

- A. Public Hearing Today
- B. Then need State approval - they will listen by phone and approve that night

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- A. Embargoed Results are in MISchoolData
- B. Public release is rumored to be December 20
- C. New A-F system to be released around Good Friday

9. PSAT Scores

- A. 1058 Average

Board Reports:

Victoria Turnbull, Student Representative - School Update:

- Project Care is in its final week to avenge hunger. They are collecting canned goods and household items. It has been turned into a competition with prizes at the end.
- Student Council is selling Santa Grams at lunch. Santa will hand deliver a message to your friends.
- National Honor Society members helped out at Breakfast with Santa, held a blood drive and also helped with the Special Olympics recently.
- The Thespian Festival took place last week and several students won awards and scholarships.

Old Business:

Mr. Musary reminded the Board that the MISD has endorsed the Enhancement Millage at 1.9 for the March 10, 2020 election.

New Business:

Member, C. Murray, reminded the board members to respond to an e-mail requesting their size preference for a jacket they will be receiving in January.

Points of Pride:

S. Nieman:

- Proud of the students who won awards at the Thespian Festival.

S. Kline:

- Proud to see on the front page of our District Newsletter that Armada High School has the highest average SAT score in Macomb County.

C. Murray:

- Enjoyed the tree lighting ceremony in town and was proud to see so many student and school group participants.

T. Seago-Fry

- Also impressed with the Thespian students and their teacher, Robin Caporuscio.

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P. Jankowski:

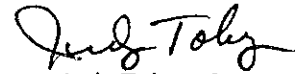
- Impressed with the ladies involved in the pupil accounting audit, Debbie Szydloski, Fran VandenBrouk, Sherri Cooper, and Sheila Phillips. It was stressful, but they did a great job and received 100%.

M. Musary:

- Proud of the Middle School robotics team and their season of success.

Victoria Turnbull, Student Representative:

- Proud of the student who made the "scrunchies" to donate profits to *Little Miss Flint's Christmas* fund.



Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education