

ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION ORGANIZATIONAL AND REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 15, 2019

The Organizational/Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Auditorium of Armada High School located at 23655 Armada Center Road, Armada, MI 48005. The meeting was called to order by Superintendent, Michael G. Musary, acting as temporary chair until the election of the Board President. Terri Tomayko was appointed temporary secretary until the election of officers took place.

Board of Education Present: S. Kline, T. Seago-Fry, J. Tobey, M. Meerschaert, C. Murray, J. Ackerman, Student Representative, Taylor Chambers

Absent: S. Nieman with notice

Administration Present: M. Musary, P. Jankowski

School Personnel Present: T. Tomayko, R. Caporuscio, A. Foster, K. Skokna, M. Gosciwski

Guests Present: Student of the Month recipients and their family members.
Thespian Troupe 7919 award recipients and their families.

Jordan Ackerman and Michele Meerschaert were administered the "Oath of Office" by Superintendent Musary.

19-01 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago-Fry that the Board of Education approve the agenda as presented.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6 - 0

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

19-02 Nomination 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 and assumed the meeting as Board President and continued the nominations for officers:

19-03 Nomination by J. Tobey 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.

19-04 Nomination by J. Tobey to elect Susan Nieman as Treasurer. No other nominations were made.

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

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19-05 Nomination 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.

19-06 Nomination by C. Murray, supported by M. Meerschaert, that the Board of Education designates regular Board meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule.

President Scott Kline suggested that the Committee members remain the same with the exception of Jordan Ackerman assuming the roles that previously belonged to Ed Genord. He requested to know after the meeting if anyone has a different preference for committee assignments for 2019.

19-07 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago-Fry, 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)*

Roll Call

Ayes: S. Kline, C. Murray, J. Tobey, T. Seago-Fry, M. Meerschaert, J. Ackerman

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED : 6 - 0

19-08 Motion by J. Tobey, supported by T. Seago-Fry, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented:

- December 18, 2018, Regular Meeting Minutes
- December 18, 2018, Closed Session Minutes
- Monthly Bills Payable totaling \$285,776.49
- Personnel Report
 - New hire, Nicholas Proctor, Maintenance Custodian
 - New hire, Annabelle Altermatt, APPLE Aide at Krause Elementary
 - New hire, Colleen Vandermeer, School Psychologist, part-time.
 - Status change, Michelle Walkowski, from substitute to permanent special services instructional paraprofessional at Krause.

Voice Vote

Ayes: All

Nays: None

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The Board took a short recess and convened the Closed Session in Room #15 (Distance Learning Lab) at the High School at 8:10 p.m. for the purpose of discussing the Superintendent's evaluation. At 8:42 p.m. the closed session ended.

The Board returned to open session at 8:44 p.m.

19-09 President , Scott Kline, adjourned the meeting at 8:45 p.m. with the motion to adjourn from J. Tobey and supported by C. Murray.

Hearing of the Public:

- No public comments were made.

Communications:

- There were no communications to be made.

Presentations:

- Teacher, Aric Foster, was presented with a certificate in recognition of his National Board Certification.
- Superintendent Musary introduced Students of the Month from Armada High School. They were each introduced and awarded with a certificate. Armada High School International Thespian Society Troupe 7919 students that excelled at the recent State Competition held in December were present. Students were individually introduced by Theatre Teacher, Robin Caporuscio, and each were provided with a Certificate or medal. Some of the students gave performances and all of them were spectacular. (a brief recess was called)
- High School Principal, Kelly Skokna, provided an update on the High School.
 - Armada High School scored highest in the 2018 BWAC SAT Results.
 - PSAT 10 Results showed improvement.
 - Armada High School is continually improving in the areas of Math Assist, support room, offering new courses, ACRI courses, Summit Learning, advisory groups and Kagan training.
 - Some of the 2019-20 School Year implementations will be: Marshall Plan, MakerSpace (\$6,000 grant from L & L Products) and Project Based Learning.
 - Armada has many Points of Pride which are: the counseling department and their college visits and FAFSA presentations, National Honor Society inducted 27 new members, Building Trades and the Pal Camp Build, Macomb Diversity Summit, Thespian scholarship offers in the amount of \$338,000.00, Business Professionals of America earning 22 medals at regionals.
 - Areas of growth in which Armada Schools will continue to improve are: advisory groups, teacher to parent communication, restorative justice, common grading practices/scales.

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- Upcoming events: Snowcoming, STUCO kindness week, curriculum night, scheduling, *I Never Saw Another Butterfly* (the next theatre performance), spring testing, and senior festivities.
- It is also School Board recognition month and members were presented with a Michigan Association of School Board certificate and there is an Armada “spirit wear” shirt on the way for each of them.

Superintendent’s Report :

Superintendent Musary shared the following Armada School Updates:

- At Krause elementary, they had their 4th grade Festival of Foods event which was a huge success as students learned a little more about their cultural heritage by creating authentic foods from their native countries. Also, our 1st grade students created a quilt with differences between Thanksgiving and Christmas now versus when their grandparents celebrated these two holidays by interviewing their relatives. Students were asked to show what they learned on a 4 X 4 card that was used to create the quilt.
- The Middle School recently installed a new 3D printer in their STEM lab. Students are now learning the program and logistics to creating items that support STEM and their individual Global Impact Projects.
- The High School had several holiday themed activities including a quartet playing Christmas music during lunch periods, culinary students making Christmas cookies, and Mr. Haller’s chemistry class used chemical reactions to make silver ornaments. Also, this past Sunday, Hollywood came to Armada High School to film a few scenes utilizing 30 of our students as “extras” for a full-length motion picture called *Poor Innocence*.
- ACE High School graduated two more students in January bringing our total to 8 for the school year.
- At MA2S, Violet Fiddes’ class submitted posters for the National Data Visualization Poster competition. Also, Fighting Pi team members are creating their competition field for a “Destination Deep Space” competition and gearing up for a February 28 – March 2, 2019 District in Gibraltar.
- Our district technology projects this past month included replacing defective projectors in classrooms. Also, we ordered additional laptops and additional science probes for MA2S students.

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

- The Marshall Plan has now been confirmed at \$1.5 Million. Implementation has begun. Maker Space locations and pre-apprenticeship programs are being decided.
- A Reading Intervention Study was conducted and a Reading Scores by quintile was provided for review.

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- The Marshall Plan Roll-out presentation was provided during the Professional Development afternoon of January 11th.
- As part of the school safety update, the staff radios were checked and reprogrammed.
- ALICE Training part 2 will take place with advanced scenarios on February 22, 2019,
- MISD PowerSchool Unify, a new assessment system, will be integrated with our current student information system. This will probably be in place by the next school year. Matt Gillett will be attending training at the MISD.

Board Reports:

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative :

Recent Events:

- Twenty two out of the thirty eight Business Professionals of America (BPA) students won metals and qualified for the state conference.
- Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) students competed in their regional conference this weekend.
- The girls varsity basketball team has been on a winning streak and they hope to continue it tonight at their game vs. Cros-Lex.
- Student Council has been busy preparing for the annual Snowcoming Dance. *Boogie Wonderland* will be this year's theme.
- Winter sessions of NWEA have begun.
- Students were able to participate as an extra in a movie this weekend.

Old Business:

None

New Business:

None

Points of Pride:

J. Tobey:

- Enjoyed tonight's Thespian student presentations and the culinary arts treats.

C. Murray:

- Impressed with the elementary artwork in the lobby. She said that Mrs. Monnette had some good ideas.

M. Meerschaert:

- Happy to see that Armada had the top BWAC SAT test scores

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J. Ackerman

- Proud of High School Principal, Kelly Skokna, and her presentation. He was especially impressed with Pal Camp.

T. Seago-Fry

- Proud of Mr. Moore and his Business Professionals of America (BPA) and their district rating.

S. Kline

- Excited about the two board members who took the Oath of Office and is appreciative of their commitment to service.

P. Jankowski:

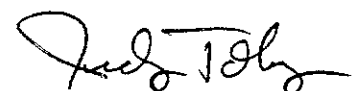
- Proud to hear that one of Armada's hometown heroes, U.S. Navy Officer Lt. Mitchell Kallek, was among the submariners featured in a photo gallery recently released by the U.S. Navy. Kallek is an assistant engineer serving aboard the USS Charlotte (SSN 766), a Los Angeles class submarine based out of Pearl Harbor, Hawaii, assigned the mighty task of protecting and defending America on the world's oceans.
- Also proud of Harper Nebergall, a senior at Armada High School, She is The first Macomb Daily Student of the Week for the 2018-19 school year. A National Merit Scholar winner, Nebergall plans to attend Eastern Illinois University to earn a degree in animal science and then attend veterinary school at the University of Illinois, specializing in equine surgery.
- Happy to hear that Todd Stump, teacher and football coach, has created a "football Olympics" competition where the athletes post pictures of themselves working out on social media. This is a neat way to promote more participation and competition among the students.

M. Musary:

- Proud of the high school competitive cheer team and their performance at Anchor Bay. They came in first place out of six teams. There were three rounds and they took the highest score in round two. The students worked very hard.

Taylor Chambers, Student Representative:

- Proud of the talent in the school, especially with the students who won awards and scholarships and performed this evening.


Judy Tobey, Secretary
Armada Board of Education