

**ARMADA AREA SCHOOLS
BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
January 21, 2025**

The Organizational/Regular Board of Education meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Armada Middle School Community Room, 23550 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: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill,
S. Wolak, C. Nikkel, A. Blake

Board Members Absent: None

Administration Present: M. Musary, K. Skokna

25-01 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Wolak, that the Board of Education approve the Agenda as presented.

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, S. Wolak, C. Nikkel, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

ORGANIZATIONAL MATTERS

25-02 Nomination by M. Meerschaert to elect S. Wylin as President. S. Nieman supported.

No other nominations were made.

Shawn Wylin was elected **President** (with a 7-0 vote) of the Armada Board of Education:

Ayes: All

Nays: None

Shawn Wylin assumed the meeting as Board President and continued the nominations for officers:

25-03 Nomination by S. Nieman to elect M. Meerschaert as Vice President. S. Hill supported

No other nominations were made.

Michele Meerschaert was unanimously elected **Vice-President** of the Armada Board of Education.

25-04 Nomination by M. Meerschaert to elect S. Hill as Secretary. S. Wolak supported.

No other nominations were made.

Sherrie Hill was unanimously elected **Secretary** of the Armada Board of Education.

25-05 Nomination by M. Meerschaert to elect S. Nieman as Treasurer. A. Blake supported.

No other nominations were made.

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

25-06 Motion by S. Wolak, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education designate regular board meetings to be held on the third Tuesday of the month at 7:00 p.m. per the attached schedule. (Staff Report #1)

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Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Wylin, S. Nieman, S. Hill, S. Wolak, C. Nikkel, A. Blake

Nays: None MOTION PASSED: 7-0

President, Shawn Wylin, discussed with the board members their choices for committee members on the various committees.

25-07 Motion by M. Meerschaert, supported by S. Hill, that the Board of Education approve the Consent Agenda as presented.

1. Approval of Minutes

- a. December 17, 2024 (Regular Meeting Minutes)
- b. December 17, 2024 (Special/Closed Session Meeting Minutes)

2. Monthly Bills Payable in the amount of \$611,776.06 as presented.

3. Personnel Report:

New employees: Shana Nutt, Occupational Therapist; Nicholas Chakur, Security; Jeff Jackson, to Maintenance I

Resignations: Polly Meerschaert, Occupational Therapist; Kyla Sullivan, from Parapro to student teacher; Tiffany Zurek, GSRP Associate Teacher

Voice Vote:

Ayes: M. Meerschaert, S. Nieman, S. Wylin, S. Hill, S. Wolak, C. Nikkel, A. Blake

Nays: None

MOTION PASSED: 7 – 0

25-08 President, S. Wylin, adjourned the meeting at 8:35 p.m. with a motion from S. Wolak and supported by S. Hill

Hearing of the Public: Community member, Cathy Denewith, thanked the board members for *Board Appreciation Month*.

Communications: None

Presentations

Masons Grant Award

Gentlemen from the Masons presented Micki Cecil with a \$500.00 check for her grant request in the high school art room for ceramics.

Student Awards

Superintendent, Musary introduced “Students of the Month” for December 2024, from Armada High School and Armada Middle School. He also recognized the elementary students for their Principal Awards for the month of December of 2024.

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School Board Recognition Month

Mr. Musary recognized all of the board members with a certificate and a gift to thank them for their service.

BOARD OF EDUCATION 2023

<u>Board Member</u>	<u>Years of Service</u>	<u>Term Ends</u>
Susan Nieman	22	December 31, 2026 (Partial term 2026)
Michele Meerschaert	10	December 31, 2030
Andrew Blake	4	December 31, 2026
Shawn Wylín	3.5	December 31, 2028
Sherrie Hill	2	December 31, 2028
Stacey Wolak	2	December 31, 2028
Chad Nikkel	New	December 31, 2030

Armada Middle School Report: Todd Schafer

The middle school robotics team provided a very detailed demonstration for their latest competition. Principal, Todd Schafer, and Assistant Principal, Matthew Gillett, gave a presentation of all the exciting things that happen at Armada Middle School.

Superintendent's Report:

- At Krause Elementary, 9 teachers are taking advantage of the High Dosage Tutoring Program through the MISD which will help provide intensive support to students in need 3 times per week for 10 weeks.
- At the M.S., 15 MS students will be actors and crew in the HS winter play.
- At the H.S, the winter HS spring play will be Peter Pan and Wendy on January 23 - 26 and will include 22 H.S. actors and crew members.
- At MA2S, the Fighting Pi will begin preparing for their game called "REEFSCAPE". The robots will be harvesting algae, seeding coral on their reef, and returning to their barge to ascend to the ocean's surface with a 15-second autonomous period where the robots run purely on code. Their competitions will be at Lake City HS (Feb. 28 to March 2) and Macomb Community College (March 27-29). The State Championship will be at SVSU (April 3-5).

Curriculum Update: Assistant Superintendent of Instruction and Curriculum, Kelly Skokna, provided the following information:

- Day two of Kagen training took place on Monday, January 20th
- Some of the teachers have been taking advantage of additional professional development opportunities.
- NWEA winter testing is almost complete
- Spring testing will begin the week of April 7th.
- Planning for 2025-2026 school year is underway.

Board Reports:

Member S. Nieman provided some legislative updates

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Old Business:

- Goals
- A possible workshop to discuss board operating procedures and expectations were discussed.

New Business:

The question came up about having the graduation at Jimmy Johns in the following years. It was suggested that feedback be requested.

Points of Pride:

M. Meerschaert:

Member Meerschaert's point of pride is Micki Cecil, our high school art teacher, and how her program has grown under her guidance.

C. Nikkel:

Member Nikkel said that he was happy to be a new member on the board and he is happy to have a chance to learn and he will give the best that he can give.

S. Nieman:

Member S. Nieman is impressed with Micki Cecil because she won the Masons grant as well as one from the foundation. Member Nieman also said she was happy to have Mr. Nikkel on the board due to his connection with the township and his community awareness.

S. Wylin:

Member Wylin is proud to be a member of the school board and said that it is an honor to support the school district.

S. Hill:

Member Hill is proud of the 8th grade students working on their global impact projects.

Blake:

Member Blake was very impressed with the students from the robotics group who presented. He is also happy that all of the winter sports teams are doing so well.

S. Wolak:

Member Wolak enjoyed everything this evening from the demonstration to the middle school newspaper.

Student Rep.:

Our student representative, Jacob, is proud of many things that are going on right now in school, such as Project Care, the Wellness Club, STEM involvement. He enjoyed Mr. Schafer's presentation and the robotics demonstration.

K. Skokna:

Ms. Skokna is proud of the robotics students and their leaders. She is also impressed with Sarah Simon, our school nurse, who in addition to all that she does, recently put together a cardiac emergency response plan with students and staff.

M. Musary:

Mr. Musary in honor of *School Board Appreciation Month* is proud of his school board members. They work together cohesively and professionally, and they know how to behave.



Sherrie Hill
Secretary, Board of Education