

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Pratt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Jeannine Otto, Elizabeth Hennessey, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James presented the Financial Projection Model. Bound booklets were handed out to everyone. Section 1 covered assumptions, equalized assessed valuation, tax cap revenue model, and levy strategies. Section 2 covered fund by fund projections. Section 3 covered outstanding debt.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve the following consent agenda items, as presented:

- Minutes of the February 19, 2026 open & closed meetings;
- Renew the 2026-2027 IHSA membership; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 19, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 94% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$489,216 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 64% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 66% this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the current expenditures and payroll, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Janet Crownhart reviewed their Principal reports, as presented. These contain the month's curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. These reports are available to the public from the Board of Education page of the website under agendas and minutes.

For his Superintendent report, Mr. Nichols noted that the concrete portion of the bleacher project was walked off with Helm. Discussed pricing a sidewalk to the concession stand. Three bids came in for the asbestos removal project at Central School. Summer workers will be current students.

FOIA Requests: 1) Lori Demko, Construct Connect, requested the bid tabulation sheet for the asbestos abatement project at Central School. Request was sent to her in a timely manner. 2) Abbas Khan, Civic IQ, submitted a request for our purchase records. Molly Noble provided these to him in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of a fuel tank, as presented. This fuel tank will be removed and replaced at the bus garage. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the bid of Colfax Corporation of Chicago, IL for the asbestos abatement project at Central School, as presented. The bid tabulation sheet was provided in the board members packet. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:26 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to move to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in an educational setting and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve the suspensions of students 3-19-26-1 through 3-19-26-17, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Stenzel to accept the resignation of John Banks as Custodian, effective March 9, 2026 and the verbal resignation of Brittany Shoemaker as Cook, effective March 10, 2026. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Montavon to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: John Koch as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective March 10, 2026; Hannah Riley as Cook, effective March 27, 2026; tenure contracts to probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to tenured and non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to support staff, as presented; Luke Welch as Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach; and summer workers, as presented. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Powers.

President Pratt announced “looking ahead” dates:

Board Retreat – Tuesday, April 7 – 5:00 p.m. – AJHS Cafeteria

Board Meeting – Thursday, April 16 – 6:30 p.m. – AJHS Cafeteria

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____