

**AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
AMBOY, ILLINOIS**

Thursday, September 17, 2020
7:00 PM

Central School Gym
30 E Provost Street
Amboy, IL 61310

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Public Hearing on 2020-2021 Budget
 - C. Open Forum
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Minutes

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, AUGUST 20, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Bonnie Morris, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full and Joyce Schamberger.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. There were none.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by White to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the July 16, 2020, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated February 7, 2019 & February 21, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols shared that the district received \$3,342,053 or 29% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$26,524 in sales tax revenue. This is an increase from the \$24,529 received in July but still down about 9% overall. The district has expensed 8.69% or \$2,076,729 this fiscal year which is tracking with previous years.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The Principals reported on activities conducted by teachers, staff and committees during the summer to prepare for the start of school. Each building administrator was pleased with how the first week was progressing.

Superintendent Nichols reported that the building project is progressing. Martin has been installing the foundation on both sides of the building. Loescher has continued installing the unit vents in the high school and Servco was installing the freezer this past week. He also reviewed the maintenance report.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to approve the IASB Policy Revisions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:31 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Stenzel to move to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; placement of individual students in special education programs and other matters relating to individual students; and setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:42 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Stenzel to approve the early graduation request for student #21024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Special Board Meeting on Tuesday, September 1, 2020, 6:00 p.m., Junior High and Regular Board Meeting on Thursday, September 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m., Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:44 p.m. by Payne and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT
#272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 6, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

President Jones called the Finance Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Leffelman and Stenzel. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Candie Koch, Jay Shaw, Beth Shaw and Janet Crownhart.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. Superintendent Nichols read a statement of concern from Adam Lusz regarding the Eldena Solar Farm project.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to authorize the Administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2020-2021 school year, and further to set the 2020-2021 budget hearing for Thursday, September 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by White to approve the Fall 2020 Reopening Plan, as presented. President Jones thanked the committee for their work putting together the plan. Nichols reviewed the plan and also current enrollment numbers. Approximately 24% of students are enrolled as remote learning only. Schools have been given five days for remote learning preparation if full remote learning is called. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to adopt the Resolution that supports the proposed Eldena Solar Farm project, as presented. The Eldena Solar Farm project will cover approximately 1,200 acres south and east of Eldena, bringing in approximately \$700,000 in tax revenue for the school district. Geronimo Energy is just beginning the hearings with the county zoning board. Motion carried with four yeas and one abstention.

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to go into Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting, or specific volunteers of the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:37 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Principal Crownhart presented the new high school schedule for review. All classes will meet on Mondays. Periods 1, 3, 5, and 7 will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Periods 2, 4, 6, and 7 will meet on Wednesdays and Fridays. The periods will be 1 hour and 15 minutes in length. These extended class periods will give teachers more time for teaching and students more time to complete projects and work in the classroom.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept or approve the following personnel:

- Resignation of Denise Clothier as Paraprofessional.
- Belinda Lewis as Library Aide/Cafeteria Cashier at the Junior High, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The employment of Emily Goff as Library Aide at Central School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The employment of Rebecca Kaufman as Paraprofessional at Central School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The employment of Kristy Willstead as Paraprofessional at Central School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.
- The employment of Kelsey Smothers as Paraprofessional at Central School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

- The employment of Erica Boyle as Reading Paraprofessional at Central School, effective for the 2020-2021 school year.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Schnaiter to adjourn the meeting at 7:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

- B. Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports



**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
September 17, 2020
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- The August Student of the Month is Nick Tarr!
- August 19 and September 2nd the SEL and Transitional teams met to plan the next couple weeks of homeroom lessons.
- The Continuous School Improvement Team met on September 10 to discuss current plans, how homeroom is going, challenges with remote learning and which goals we would like to tackle this school year.
- The SIP day was held on Sept 14th and teachers met as SEL and Transitional Teams to plan the next few weeks. Teachers also received an update on the Continuous school improvement plan and had time to work on mandated trainings and prep for remote learning.

School Activities

- Mrs. Crownhart and Mr. Schwamberger attended a NUIC Conference meeting on Sept 9th.
- The Spanish Honor Society and Student Council sponsored a Blood Drive on September 4th at the Community Building. They were able to exceed their goal of 35 units.
- Volleyball and Football were able to have contact days the weeks of September 8th & 14th.
- Congratulations to the FFA Officers who were elected. Mason Ely - President, Dana Merriman - Secretary, Kelton Schwamberger - VP of Community Development, Lauren Althaus - VP of Student Development, Olivia Dinges - VP of Chapter Development, Ethan Pratt - Treasurer, Bradley Dinwiddie - Reporter, Brooklyn Hoffman - Sentinel

Building Activities

- Fire Drills have been scheduled around the construction schedule to get those in before walls are blocked off.



Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
September 17th, 2020
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Tuesday, September 1st the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to review the first few days of school, complete the 1003 (a) grant and budget for 2020-2021 school year, discuss pacing guides for the new curriculums, priority standards, update our School Improvement Plan, update our to-do list, and discuss supports to put in place for curriculum implementation.
- On Thursday, September 3rd a faculty meeting was held to discuss students, hand out “face cups”, discuss SLO’s, and discuss the school year in general.
- On Monday, September 14th teachers were given time meet with remote learners, work on SLO’s, and complete Ed Learners Network Trainings.
- Ms. Vicks and Mrs. Dinges have been meeting with ELA and Math teachers to discuss the new curriculum.

PBIS:

- On Monday, September 14th we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-
- *I will read the names and update the report during the board meeting

School Activities:

- We had 18 students return to school from remote learning and still have 48 students remote learning for about 20%.
- Speech Team will be starting soon with Ms. Yvonne Vicks as the coach and there are three members.
- Student Council will be starting soon with Mrs. Ashley Platz and Ms. Kaylee Jones as co-sponsors.

Principal Report PreK - 4
Joyce Schamberger
September 2020

School Improvement/Professional Development:

- Teachers worked on their SLO's & completed their mandated trainings.
- Benchmark testing on all students K-4 has been completed.
- The Rti committee met and discussed the results of the recent benchmark testing.

PBIS:

- The Prize Closet for Central School students to purchase using Scooby Doo Cash is being stocked by suggestions from students and teachers. Central School PTC will support the PBIS program.
- During the SIP Virtual assembly students were recognized for Student of the Month.

School Activities:

- The Second Step presentations will begin on Wednesday, Sept. 16th remotely using Google Meets. Edie Peterson from the YWCA of the Sauk Valley is the program presenter. This program presents programs on Social Emotional Learning.
- Mr. Joe Jahn and Mr. Payne trained our students in bus evacuation as part of the required drills.



B. Superintendent Reports

5. Discussion: First Reading of Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Revisions
6. Action: Junior High School Improvement Plan
7. Action: COVID-19 Mitigation Metrics
8. Action: Bus Purchase
9. Action: Executive Session
10. Action: Return to Open Session
11. Action: Memorandum of Agreement Between Amboy CUSD 272 & Amboy Education Association
12. Action: Student Discipline
13. Action: Personnel
14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment