

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

Thursday, December 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 Tax Levy for 2020
  - C. Open Forum
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
  - A. Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2020, AT 7:00 P.M.  
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, Shauna Dinges, George Schwamberger, Joseph Heavner, Kaylee Jones, Mandy Powers, Stacey Dinges, Betsy Jones, Rachel Scott, Bonnie Morris, Kelly Hopper, Stacey Noble, Karen Jones, Kirsten Carter, Lori Hendrickson, Emilie Henkel, Becky Lopez, Tanya Ketchum, Angie Dallam, Josie Morris, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger, Katie Bulfer, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the audience. Yvonne Vicks and Shauna Dinges presented Junior High reading and math data reports comparing STAR test scores from Fall 2019 to Winter 2019 to Fall 2020. They also provided the average percentile from the easyCBM, RtI Tier Data, and a Data Wall that is provided to all junior high teachers. Yvonne shared information on the new curriculum module. Superintendent Nichols announced that the IHSA has just now put a temporary pause on winter sports. Nichols gave an update on students that are in-person learning and remote learning and stated that we will take it day by day following metrics, staff shortage, etc. Joseph Heavner, Agriculture Teacher, shared that he would like to declare some of the old large equipment as surplus and sell or scrap. This will be an action item at the next regular scheduled meeting.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s): Minutes of the October 20, 2020, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and delete audio recordings dated May 16, 2019. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the finance reports. The district has received \$8,976,634 of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$119,816 in sales tax revenue. For expenditures, \$6,311,168 has been used this fiscal year. Nichols then presented the tentative tax levy.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Stenzel to approve the tentative Tax Levy for the year 2020, as presented, and further, to set a Public Hearing date for Thursday, December 17, 2020, 7:00 p.m., at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The next order of business was Principal Reports. Each Principal shared their curriculum, school improvement, PBIS, and activities.

For his Superintendent Report, Nichols gave an update on the junior high and high school building project and announced that the Illinois School Report Card is out. Because of the pandemic, a large amount of information was impacted. The district is still considered a tier 3 district financially.

Katie Pratt asked if the remote learning plan that was approved in August still apply. Superintendent Nichols said it needs to be tweaked but overall flexible. Pratt also asked if the survey is going to go out soon as it'll give us valuable information. Nichols is working on 2 them and will get them out in the near future.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the resolution allowing cash payments in lieu of or related to healthcare benefits to be reported as IMRF earnings, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve using Health Life Safety funds up to 4.68% of the final bid cost for the WACC boiler replacement cost that is being offset by the state's maintenance grant. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:56 p.m., a motion was made by Payne 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 a park, recreational, or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:49 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to approve the suspensions of students 11-17-20-1 through 11-17-20-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming date: Regular School Board Meeting - Thursday, December 17, 2020 – Central School – 7:00 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 9:51 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Pratt, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

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



**Amoy High School  
Principal's Report  
December 17, 2020**



**Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**

**Curriculum and School Improvement**

- The December Student of the Month is Ethan Larson!
- The SIP day was held on November 16th. Staff participated in the annual law enforcement drill. Special thanks to Deputy Kellen, Lt Frye of Lee County Sheriff's Department and Officers Lester and Smith from Amoy PD to make the event run smoothly. Teachers and staff were allowed to choose between the "normal" drill or one where they were shot with a nerf gun. I had positive feedback from both groups.
- November 18th students participated in the annual law enforcement drill. Students worked with their teachers on barricading in the classroom and being ready to counter.
- Final exam were held on December 16th and 17th. Many students were able to exempt out of 1 or 2 final exams with community service hours, not getting their phone taken away, or participating in homeroom.
- Thank you to Student Council for providing lunch to the teachers today. (Spuds and Suds)

**School Activities**

- On November 18th, The Amoy FFA agronomy team competed virtually in the section contest as well as an invitation contest hosted by SIU-Carbondale.
  - In the SIUC event we finished 23rd out of 54 schools, with individual placings ranging from 75th to 105th out of 222 students competing.
  - In the section event we placed 2nd overall as a team. Kelton Schwamberger was the 4th place individual in the event, and Ethan Pratt and Emma Dinges tied for 9th place individually in the event.
- Student Council hosted a canned food drive December 1st through December 11th. Ms. Scriven's homeroom won a pizza party for collecting the most cans. Overall, the high school contributed about 400 items to the drive.
- FFA volunteered to help with the Christmas Walk on December 5th. The FFA was asked to help promote the event by dressing in holiday attire outside the local businesses.



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- Section 2 FFA had its public speaking contest on December 2nd. Emma Dinges placed 2nd in Creed Speaking and Kelton Schwamberger placed 1st in extemporaneous speaking. Both will advance to the District contest this spring.
- The Amoy Volleyball team made it their goal to raise money for October (Breast Cancer month) by raking and doing fall yard work for people around our community. They finished up our last yard December 9th and we are proud of the girls for raising \$705 to donate towards CGH Women's Health Fund. The money will go towards helping those who are battling cancer receive complimentary hot meals during treatment, gas cards to help get to treatment, and little care packages to help with the side effects of treatment.
- Thank you to the school board for the massage chair. We are still waiting for delivery, but are looking forward to using it in January.



Amboy Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
Submitted by: Andrew Full

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Thursday, November 12<sup>th</sup> the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss: year to date review, ESSA requirements, SIP Days, remote schedule, to-do list, and subject meetings.
- On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> a brief Faculty meeting was held to discuss the upcoming law enforcement training for both faculty and students. Teachers were given testing dates for STAR and EasyCBM and discussion about 2<sup>nd</sup> Qtr. PBIS Celebration was had. Mr. Full also updated the faculty and staff about the building construction.
- On Monday, November 16<sup>th</sup> the faculty and staff held their annual Law Enforcement Drill presented by Officer Kellen from Lee County. Chief Smith and Office Lester from Amboy PD and Office Frye from Lee County also participated.
- On Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss new school furniture.
- On Tuesday, December 1<sup>st</sup> the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss: Implementation Data, Social Emotional Goals (Significant 24), Data Wall, and Re-Assess IQF.
- On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> during our SIP day, teachers were given time to work on remote learning, mandated trainings, and curriculum. As a district we attended a training on the importance of mental health and steps to taking care of oneself by Karla Belzer from the U of I Extension Office. Thank you Joyce for setting this up.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out (November):
  - o Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Addie Blaine and Landon Carter
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Hope Lauzon and Tanner Welch
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Chase Montavon and Molly Hassler
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jarrett Althaus and Ava Cline
    - P.E.- Alexa McKendry and Alex Wittenauer
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Morgan Kreiser, Stephanie Nave, Tyler Mahar, Channing Bellows, Joe VanLoo, Myla Davis, Brenna Fields, Ryan Garcia, Kahne Skibbe, Faith Fenwick, Gloria Parker, Jasper Oury, Carson Barlow,

Hunter Rasmussen, Jace McCallister, Caleb Yanos, Cordia Ascencio, Samantha Nauman, Lluvie De La Cruz, Lilly Drew, Lilly Leffelman, and Michael Shoemaker.

- Faculty and Staff Recognition Winners- Mrs. Vanessa Goslin and Mrs. Kelly Foster
- On Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out (December):
  - Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jason Hemmen and Sydney Whelchel
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Morgan Kreiser and Leighton Gulley
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bradley Schmidt and Grace Althaus
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Karagen Welch and Emily Sachs
    - P.E.- Lexi Davis and Addison Pertell
  - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Madison Neal, Peyton Payne, Natalie Pratt, Madilyn Clarida, Alex Wittenauer, Chase Rasmussen, Tucker McCoy, Colt McCoy, Haley Albee, Andrew Hummel, Gabby Miller, Quinton Leffelman, Lila Rieskamp, Elijah Garcia, Trevyn Skibbe, Kiera Karlson, Ezra Parker, Kaysi Schaeffer, Brittlyn Whitman, Isabella Rosentreter, Lane Goff, James Eisenberg, Madison Althaus, and Atticus Goff
  - Faculty and Staff Recognition Winners- Mrs. Betsy Jones and Mr. Ben Schott
- During December, the PBIS team held a “December to Remember” which included daily dress up days, a virtual door decorating contest, lip sync/karaoke competition, rock/paper/scissors competition, and ended with our Quarter Celebration of hot chocolate and cookie decorating.

### **School Activities:**

- On November 11<sup>th</sup> the Jr. High held a virtual Veterans Day program. Hunter Rasmussen and Ms. Jackie Owensby played Taps, the history of Taps was explained, the history of Veterans Day was explained, and district employees that are Veterans were honored.
- On Friday, November 13<sup>th</sup> the AJHS Speech Team competed at the IESA Speech Contest. Natalie Pratt received a 1 and a Judge's Choice, Morgan Kreiser received a 1, and Brooklyn Strub received a 2 rating. All the participants did an amazing job.
- On November 18<sup>th</sup> the Jr. High held their annual Law Enforcement Drill with local authorities. We want to thank Chief Smith and Officer Lester from the Amboy Police Department and Officers Kellen and Frye from Lee County for helping. After the drill, officers spent time in all the classrooms answering questions and going over plans.
- During the weeks of November 23<sup>rd</sup> to December 11<sup>th</sup> Student Council sponsored a food drive. The cohort that brought in the most cans/non-perishable food items won a prize.
- As of Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup> we have 46 full time Remote Learners out of 241 students for 19.1%.
- The AJHS Faculty and Staff would like to thank to Board for their purchase of a massage chair.

Amboy Central School  
Principal Report  
Joyce Schamberger  
DECEMBER 2020

**PBIS:**

- On December 2nd, Central the office handed out “Mystery Student of the Week” Awards to those students who were students of the week.
- On December 17th, Central School had movies, donuts, and hot chocolate for their 2nd Quarter Incentive Celebration for PBIS. They also held their class parties in the afternoon. Students who met their December reading goals were able to earn an ink pen that writes invisible ink. This is the next clue to our school wide mystery!

**RTI:**

- The RTI committee met with each grade level to discuss the data points that have been collected. Three data points have been collected after the winter benchmarking and the team looked at each individual’s scores for proper placement into tiers.

**School Activities:**

- The Central Christmas Concert was held on December 10th in each classroom. Student in grades K through 4<sup>th</sup> grade performed songs. These were recorded and posted on the school’s Facebook page. Thank you to Mrs. Amy Schwamberger for doing this.
- The Canned Food Drive was very successful. The canned goods were collected for the Amboy Fire Dept.

B. Superintendent Reports

5. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Revisions
6. Action: Building Projects
  - A. Wireless Infastructure with Single Path
  - B. Central School Verkada Camera System
  - C. Central School Chiller
  - D. High School AC on New Unit Vents
7. Action: Bus Leases
8. Action: Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2020 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, Lee County, Illinois.
9. Action: Set Public Hearing Date for Transfer of Funds
10. Action: Surplus Ag Equipment Resolution
11. Action: Property Tax Appeal Resolution
12. Action: Executive Session: *For the purpose of discussion of: 1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body; and 2) student discipline.*
13. Action: Return to Open Session
14. Action: Student Discipline
15. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment