

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

Thursday, January 21, 2021
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 Transfer of Funds
 - 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
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

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, Bonnie Morris, Joyce Schamberger, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Kaylee Jones, Betsy Jones, Yvonne Vicks and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2020 Tax Levy. The levy has not changed since it was presented at the November meeting. There were no questions or comments from the public or board.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to adopt the Resolution for the 2020 Tax Levy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to direct the Board Secretary to file the Certificate of Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to direct the Board President and Board Secretary to file the Certificate of Compliance for the Truth-In-Taxation Act. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to close the Public Hearing on the 2020 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the November 17, 2020, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings;
- To keep all Executive Session Minutes from April 23, 2020 through September 17, 2020, closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated June 13, 2019 and June 26, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. For revenue, the district has received 85% of the anticipated amount for the year and \$154,178 in sales tax. For expenses, 32% has been used. Pioneer State Bank was thanked for the donation of \$350 for use toward teacher appreciation. A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Principals, Janet Crownhart and Joyce Schamberger, shared information on curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, RtI, and school activities.

For his Superintendent report, Nichols discussed: 1) update on building project 2) thanked everyone for taking hands-on deck this semester 3) commended kitchen staff for putting out 235 meals during break 4) survey results.

Received first reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Revisions.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the estimate with Single Path in the amount up to \$473,132.76 and authorize Superintendent Nichols to sign the contract pending internal review of the scope of work and the contract. This is an up to amount for the wireless infrastructure as we don't know how much erate will cover. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Stenzel to approve the estimate from Jendy Solutions for camera system at Central School, as presented. This will improve Central's system and be same system that's being put in the high school and the junior high. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the performance contract with CTS in the amount not to exceed \$285,000 and authorize Superintendent Nichols to sign the contract pending internal review of the scope of work and the contract. Use of the leftover sales tax bond proceeds and some sales tax dollars can pay for the chiller at central school. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to approve the performance contract with CTS in the amount not to exceed \$42,000 and authorize Superintendent Nichols to sign the contract pending internal review of the scope of work and the contract. This will air condition rooms in the high school. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to approve the lease proposal for two (2) 2019 72-passenger school buses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to approve the lease extension proposal for two (2) 2020 41-passenger school buses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the lease extension proposal for one (1) 2017 32-passenger school bus, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the 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 District, as presented. These taxes need to be abated since we will be using sales tax dollars to pay for the building project. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to adopt the resolution for setting a public hearing on January 21, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at Central School to discuss transfer of funds, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Pratt to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of agriculture shop equipment, as presented. This equipment is no longer usable or repairable. Selling these items will give funds to purchase newer equipment. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to adopt the resolution authorizing engagement of Ward, Murray, Pace & Johnson, P.C., for the purpose of intervening and protesting the property tax appeal filed by Lee County Landfill, Inc., as presented. Lee County Landfill, Inc. is objecting to their taxes based on tipping fees at various landfills and usage. We have to have permission through a resolution for our attorney to look into it and address it. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:41 p.m., a motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to move to executive session for the purpose of discussion of 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 student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:09 p.m., a motion was made by White and seconded by Leffelman to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 12-17-20-1 through 12-17-20-9, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Leffelman to accept the resignation of David Sutton as Part-Time Cook at Central School, effective January 1, 2020. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates: Regular School Board Meeting - Thursday, January 21, 2021 - 7:00 p.m. - Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 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
January 21, 2021
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- The January Student of the Month is Brooklyn Wheelchel!
- Deb Cleary received a Maggie & Amos Foundation "Elf-Sized" Grant for Educators in the amount of \$250 for supplies to do needle felting and to create reproductions of famous artworks
- Returned to school on January 4th with about 55 students learning remotely.
- School Improvement Team met on January 20th to discuss semester exam exemptions and 1st semester remediation options.
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School Activities

- Two graduated students, Ashley Althaus and Margaret Vaessen are applying for their American FFA Degrees this spring. We wish them the best of luck.
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Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
January 21st, 2021
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, January 6th the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss retention/student engagement, success plans for students, grading protocols, data, special education items with special education teachers, and school improvement reports.
- On Thursday, January 7th a faculty meeting was held to discuss rapid testing, bus evacuation video, SLO's/Observations, Pay It Forward presentation, grading, retention of students, student success plans, STAR data, and new building update.

PBIS:

- On Monday, January 25th we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out: (I will update names at the February Board Meeting)
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade-
 - 6th Grade-
 - 7th Grade-
 - 8th Grade-
 - P.E.-
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-
 - o Faculty and Staff Recognition Winners-

School Activities:

- On Monday, January 4th the Jr. High held the Significant 24. This is a shorter version of the Significant 72 that we started the school year off with. We welcomed back students to school with different activities that included: self-reflection, goal setting for 2021, review remote learning 101, team building (pay it forward idea), and rock/paper/scissors competition.
- Congratulations to Jasper Oury for being the school-wide winner of the RPS competition!
- Faculty/Staff and students watched a bus evacuation video on Friday, January 8th during WIN. The video counts towards our annual bus evacuation drill required by the state.
- Classroom/Grade level spelling bee has started. Mrs. Ashley Platz is organizing the event this year. The winner of the school spelling bee will go on to compete in the regional spelling bee.

- AJHS Student Council is running a "Penny Drive" this month to raise money for PADS (Homeless Shelter) in Dixon.

Amboy Central Elementary School

Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
January 2021

School Improvement:

- The Problem Solving team met with grade level teams to discuss struggling students.
- The grade level teams re-trained students of the expectations for the PBIS of our school by watching a video made by our former 4th grade students.
- Student of the month awards were handed out on January 25th. Students were reminded to continue to read their library books and take tests to earn points.

School Activities:

- The Book-It activity for the month of January will be on January 29 with a dress up activity planned by the specials team. Those students who have met their reading goals for the month will participate. Students will get to dress up as their favorite Scooby Doo character.
- Central PTC met on Mon. Jan. 11th. Plans are underway for the annual Pancake Breakfast. This will be done as a carry out meal/breakfast.
- Central School will celebrate 100th Day of school on Jan. 28th. Students will be able to dress up like the 70's and/or 80's and will have to Stop, drop and Dance when it's announced over the PA system.
- Thank you to Lee County Health Dept. for the delivery of a washer and dryer. These were free due to a grant from LCHD.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Hussey and Mrs. Burke for applying and obtaining a grant opportunity from The Maggie & Amos Foundation.



B. Superintendent Reports

5. Action: Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Revisions
6. Action: Illinois Municipal Retirement Fund (IMRF) Resolution
7. Action: Executive Session
8. Action: Return to Open Session
9. Action: Student Discipline
10. Action: Personnel
11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment