

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

Thursday, April 22, 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 submission of application for waiver of School Code ILCS 5/27-24.2, 24.3, as it relates to Driver's Education.
 - C. Public Hearing on submission of application for waiver of School Code ILCS 5/10-20.12(a), as it relates to Tuition.
 - D. Open Forum
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE RETREAT MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
SATURDAY, MARCH 6, 2021 AT 8:30 A.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

President Jones called the Retreat Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 8:30 a.m. Members present included: Nicole Jones, Elsa Payne, Jason Leffelman, Rory White, Nichole Stenzel and Katie Pratt. Also present: Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Katie Bulfer and Amanda Powers.

Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James joined the meeting virtually and presented and discussed financial projections.

Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full, Katie Bulfer and Janet Crownhart focused their presentation on COVID, its effects on our students, remote learning and the plan to help recover learning loss. Other topics included Social Emotional Learning, RtI, invitation only summer school programs, and student success plans. Katie Bulfer addressed discipline issues at both the junior high and high school. The number of referrals and disciplinary action needed drastically decreased during the school year. Janet Crownhart addressed changes for the high school including incorporating the endorsement program through which improves a student's college and career readiness. The board discussed at length the feasibility of adding a math interventionist at Central, the status of instructional coaches and professional development for teachers and staff.

Break at 11:00 a.m. Reconvened at 11:10 a.m. Joyce Schamberger, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full and Katie Bulfer left the meeting.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the technology powerpoint sent by Bill Spakowski (Dyopath). Andrew Thier has been added as an additional technician. One hundred ten student chromebooks and 45 staff chromebooks have been replaced. Other topics: network upgrade, cybersecurity framework and preparation.

Superintendent Nichols shared a report from athletic director, George Schwamberger. Mr. Schwamberger has worked through many challenges to meet guidelines and offer sports to our students. The Hudl camera was well worth the investment and a unit for the football field is being considered. Currently, Andrew Full is working to get the junior high into a sports conference.

Superintendent Nichols presented the Operations & Maintenance report which included recommendations for building repairs and maintenance, and summer help recommendations. He also updated the board on the building project progress. Heating costs for the project topped \$100,000.00.

Superintendent Nichols presented the Transportation report as prepared by Al Quest. The bus fleet is in good shape because of the leases. The shortage of bus drivers continues to be a concern. Five bus drivers are needed. Discussion continued about signing bonus, finding fees, retention bonus and guaranteeing a four-hour day. The board also discussed hiring an assistant transportation director.

Superintendent Nichols shared his state of the district presentation, which included student enrollment projections, fund balance review, state testing trends and future plans regarding buildings, finances, student engagement and education quality. He mentioned a possible building investment from the Amboy Education Foundation - a pavilion at Central, funding for summer school/interventions and bringing the early childhood preschool back to Amboy through a partnership with Ashton Franklin Center.

Lastly, the board directed Superintendent Nichols to pursue hiring a math interventionist for Central.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 12:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 18, 2021 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, Eduardo Escatel, Jessica Aellano, Bonnie Morris, Nicole Latta, Brooklyn Whelchel, Anna Willis, Jessica Arellano, Yvonne Vicks, Amelia Mondro, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. High School Teacher, Jessica Arellano discussed the math (Savvas Realize) and english (StudySync) curriculum that was piloted this year, purchased for next year. There's a large increase in failing grades so options for failing students were presented. High School Teacher, Eduardo Escatel and high school students, Nicole Latta and Amelia Mondro discussed Transitional. This involved interviewing community members about their careers and used Xello, a matchmaking for career readiness program. Student, Brooklyn Whelchel discussed social emotional learning, peer pressure and dopamine, preventing and dealing with bullying, and goal setting.

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

- Minutes of the February 18, 2021, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 12, 2019 & September 26, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 93% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$252,268 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue, 63% of the anticipated Evidence-Based Funding, and around 50% of the categorical payments. The district has used 52% this fiscal year. The operating funds are where we anticipate them being with roughly 66% of the school year completed.

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

Principals Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full and Joyce Schamberger reviewed their building's curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. Katie Pratt acknowledged the teacher involvement with students at the junior high.

Superintendent Nichols shared the following:

- Ongoing repairs at the junior high.
- Building project: slabs have been poured, HVAC and sprinkler systems are being installed, and painting.
- Ag Surplus Sale: 56 bids on 14 items and raised \$4,086.55.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the 2021-2022 school calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the estimate from Jendy Solutions for the surveillance camera system in the High School, as presented. This is for replacement of cameras in the existing high school. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to approve the Teacher Leader job description, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Pratt to approve the Junior High Quality Framework, as presented. There has been growth over the years and improvement on this rubric and school improvements that come as a result of such detailed analysis. The pandemic has derailed a few areas that the hope was for more improvement in and allowed for some improvements that weren't foreseen happening. The need for an updated district mission and vision impacts the rubric as well. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:47 p.m., a motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Leffelman 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 9:27 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 Pratt and seconded by Leffelman to approve the suspensions of students 3-18-21-1 through 3-18-21-5, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to grant tenure contract to fourth-year probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Leffelman to grant contract renewals to tenured teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to grant contract renewals to non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Pratt to approve support staff contract renewals, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the employment of summer help, as presented. Motion carried with five yea votes. Leffelman abstained.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to accept the resignation of Aaron Fassler as English Language Arts Teacher at the Junior High, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming dates: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, April 22, 2021, 7:00 p.m.-Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to adjourn at 9:31 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

- B. Audio Recordings
- 3. Seating of New Board Members
 - A. Proclamation of Election
 - B. Oath of Office
- 4. School Board Reorganization
 - A. President Pro Tempore
 - B. Election of Officers
- 5. School Board Meeting Dates & Times
- 6. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 7. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports



**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
April 22, 2021
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- The April Student of the Month is Gabby Jones!
- Information for Summer school has gone out to families. We are planning for 4 in-person, teacher taught, classes, each 2 weeks/3 hours a day as well as our normal credit recovery program on Apex.
- Work has begun on Transitional ELA through the ROE in conjunction with SVCC.
- The Ed Pathway team met with the ROE on April 13th and then as an Amboy team on April 14th to begin planning the work needed for the Pathway grant.

School Activities

- Homecoming festivities were held the week of April 5th. The theme was super-hero. Students decorated the hallways, made class t-shirts, and had a pep rally April 9th. King and Queen were Brady Jones and Breanna Blaine.
- Two FFA members, Dana Merriman and Mason Ely, are working outside of school to develop educational videos to be shared by the county farm bureau during virtual ag expos for 5th graders in the county.
- FFA parli-pro team placed 1st as a team at the District contest on April 7th.
 - 3rd place chairperson- Kelton Schwamberger
 - Floor member placings:
 - 4th- Dana Merriman
 - 6th- Emma Dinges
 - 7th- Andruw Jones
 - 10th- Lauren Althaus
 - They will move onto the state contest on May 15th.



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- April 21st an in person FFA banquet was held with a limit of 50 guests.
- Kelton Schwamberger, Dana Merriman, and Emma Dinges will be running for section FFA officer positions at the section banquet on April 27th.
- Kelton Schwamberger and Emma Dinges will be competing in public speaking contests to advance to the state contest on April 28th.



Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
April 22nd, 2021
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On April 8th, the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: Finish IQF and Submit, Submit April Progress Report, Update 1003(a) Budget for 2020-2021, and Summer School.
- Faculty meetings were held on March 22nd, March 25th, and April 12th to discuss PBIS and IAR testing.

PBIS:

- On Monday, March 22nd we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly over Google Meets and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Michael Hood and Amylia Bump
 - 6th Grade- Janella Gallagher and Brandon Campiran
 - 7th Grade- Peyton Payne and Victor Lopez-Belmontes
 - 8th Grade- Cierra Kessel and Caleb Shugars
 - P.E.- Quinton Leffelman and Madisyn Heath
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Makayla Burt, Caylee Hummel, Henry Klein, Grady McLaughlin, Teagen Payne, Emma Richardson, Daymein Ellis, Caiden Heath, Madisyn Heath, Chase Huggins, Hayden Hunsberger, Hope Lauzon, Chloe Vaupel, Emilee Blaha, Devyn Cheever, Gavin Eisenberg, Wyatt Hoffman, Bradley Schmidt, Bristol Bulfer, Brody Christoffersen, Michael Farrar, and Jaden Haley.
 - o Faculty and Staff Recognition Winners-
- On Friday, May 26th, AJHS held their 3rd Quarter Celebration. Students watched a movie and had popcorn with candy toppings and Gatorade.

School Activities:

- On Friday, May 26th faculty and staff went over the IAR practice.
- IAR testing started on April 13th for 5th-8th grade students.
- AJHS is hosting three small home track and field meets this year on the following dates: April 21st, April 29th, and May 3rd.
- Mr. Kerley has started optional concert band practices with the concert band after school on Tuesdays.
- Track, Academic Bowl, Young Authors, and Speech pictures were taken on Wednesday, April 14th.

Amboy School PreK-4

Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
April 2021

School Improvement:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing for grades 3& 4 will be taken at the end of the month.
- Preschool Screenings were held April 6 & 7. There are 30 spots for preschoolers.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2021-22 school year is open.

PBIS:

- Fourth Quarter PBIS Incentive for Central School will celebrate the end of the school year by walking down to Dairy Delite for a treat. This is paid for by Central PTC.
- We will also celebrate the end of the year with a track and field day on May 21st. Mr. Chris Payne will be planning the activities for the students. Rain date is Tuesday, May 25
- We will have a virtual End of the School Year Awards assembly for Central School May 24th. All grade levels will be recorded and posted on Parent Square to each grade level parents..

School Activities:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Mikayla Hussey for being granted items from Donor's Choose. She received many items for her preschool classroom and the school.



B. Superintendent Reports

8. Discussion: First Reading of the 2021-2022 Fee Schedule
9. Action: Mowing Bid
10. Action: Library Furniture Quote
11. Action: Intergovernmental Agreement with Oregon CUSD #220
12. Action: Executive Session
13. Action: Return to Open Session
14. Action: Student Discipline
15. Action: Personnel
16. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment