

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

Tuesday, August 24, 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. 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, JULY 15, 2021, AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY 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 except Stenzel and White. Also present were: Joshua Nichols, Bonnie Morris, Anna Willis, Brett Kreiser, Yvonne Vicks, Andrew Full, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Brett Kreiser asked if a decision has been made on mask requirements and how it's determined. Superintendent Nichols explained that a decision has not been made for during school hours but everyone is required to wear a mask when riding the bus. We take guidance from the Illinois State Board of Education, CDC, and the Lee County Health Department. He has reached out to the district attorney and insurance broker as well. Katie Pratt presented the plaque Margaret Vaessen gave in appreciation to the high school. She was the Illinois FFA State Reporter from 2020-2021.

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

- Minutes of the June 17, 2021, Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated December 12, 2019 & January 23, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols shared information on the finance reports. The district has received 104% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$381,069 in sales tax revenue and used 76% this fiscal year. The operating fund's expenditures are where we anticipated them.

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

For his Superintendent Report, Nichols gave an update on the building project and thanked Principal Crownhart for coordinating all the move and selling of surplus items. Ken Willey and Mike Smith have been busy moving whiteboards and projectors from the Junior High School to Central School.

The first reading of the IASB policy revisions were received. Superintendent Nichols noted on two of the several revisions: criminal convictions and disqualification in the hiring process and Student Online Personal Protection Act information.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the quotes from Jendy Solutions for the Verkada surveillance camera, license, and installation, as presented. This covers the rest of the high school and junior high addition. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the quote from S-Net Communications for Cloud phone system, as presented. This moves the district to a voice-over-internet phone system. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:19 p.m., a motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Pratt 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. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:59 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to accept the resignation of Kelsi Eyster as English and Language Arts Teacher at the Junior High School Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Pratt to approve the employment of Elizabeth Sunday as First Grade Teacher at Central School for the 2021-2022 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the employment of Sarah Herkert as 240-Day Custodian at the Junior High School, effective August 1, 2021. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to accept the resignation of Eduardo Escatel as Spanish Teacher at the High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming dates: Finance Meeting-Thursday, August 5, 2021, 7:00 p.m.-Central School and Regular School Board Meeting-Thursday, August 19, 2021, 7:00 p.m.-Central School.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 5, 2021 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 Payne and Powers. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Bonnie Morris, Matt Moore, and Joyce Schamberger.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. Matt Moore asked how the district would handle the mask mandate issued by the governor. Superintendent Nichols responded that more guidance was promised from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health on the subject.

Superintendent Nichols presented the tentative budget for the 2021-2022 school year.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to authorize the Administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2021-2022 school year, and further to set the 2021-2022 budget hearing for Thursday, September 16, 2021, 7:00 p.m., at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Leffelman to table the approval of the Return to Learn Plan. More guidance is coming from the Illinois State Board of Education and the Illinois Department of Public Health. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between Amboy CUSD #272 and Amboy Education Association, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

At 7:20 p.m., a motion was made by Leffelman 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 7:57 p.m., a motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:58 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

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



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
August 25th, 2021**
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- Throughout the summer the School Improvement Team has met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: schedule, discipline handbook, RtI, PBIS, Staff Binders, SEL, Significant 72, Xello, etc...
- Faculty and staff met on August 13th and August 17th for Teachers' Institute where various topics were discussed (welcome back, return to school, faculty meetings, Pathways Grant, Wit and Wisdom, data collection, mandated trainings, and building update)

PBIS:

- The PBIS team has met over the summer to discuss an overhaul of the program. PBIS will be moving from punch cards to more of a monetary system where students can earn tickets to purchase items monthly.

School Activities:

- 5th-8th grade volleyball has started with the coaches being Ashley Platz and Jackie Owensby.
- Faculty, staff, and students went through the Significant 72 during the first three days of school.
- Thank you to all the summer workers, custodians, and student help for making the mover to AHS much easier for the faculty and staff of AJHS!!!

Central School
Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
August 2021

School Activities:

- Thank you to the summer crew and custodians the building is in top shape with clean shiny new floors and rooms.
- Preschool classes are scheduled to begin on Aug. 26th. There are 40 preschoolers and we have a waiting list.
- Our Boot Camp was held for one week from 8:30-11:00a.m. Our Camp Leaders were Kim Payne, Lisa Moore, Joanie Zimmerly, Jenny Shafer, Ashley Dunlap, and Emilie Henkel. Special thanks to Eileen Pipe and all of the Teen Turf students who came to help out. This camp could not have happened without all of their help!
- Book-It - Each month beginning in September will be activities planned for those students who meet their monthly reading goals. Our theme this year is Welcome to Camp Central!
- Back Pack Night was held on Aug. 17th from 4:00p.m.- 6:00p.m. Parents and students were able to come in and meet their teacher

School Improvement:

- During Teachers' Institute Days, staff members met and continued their work with learning the new ELA & Math Curriculums, technology trainings and expectations.
- This year the focus K-4 will be on student growth. Grade level teams will meet daily to collaborate and plan. Guided reading will continue K- 4th grades and RTI will continue to help close the gap for those students who are not at grade level.

PBIS:

- At Central, Clipper Cash will be used to reward positive behaviors. The yearlong theme for Central School is Camping.
- The PBIS team will meet and make plans for the upcoming year for quarterly celebrations.





**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
August 19th, 2021
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Year for 2020-2021 was Nick Tarr!!
- We have 7 seniors and 4 juniors attending SVCC and then AHS for 4 classes, 4 attending SVCC then WACC, 3 who are in the academy at SVCC, 5 co-op students, 48 attending AHS in the morning then WACC in the afternoon.
- 4 summer school classes were held, English, Geography, Algebra, and Health.
- Math and English classes will be using a new curriculum this year. Some of the teacher's piloted it last year and we are happy with our selection.
- Spanish will be taught virtually this year through Educere online.
- We would like to welcome Katie Henkel to the high school staff, she is a junior high teacher that will be teaching one course at the high school to help with our missing special education teacher.

School Activities

- Freshmen and new student orientation took place on Tuesday, August 17 with the help of student council members. Students received tours of the building, played games, learned cheers, and had pizza. There were 54 freshmen and new students present.
- Fall sports are underway with football, golf and cross-country maintaining their co-op agreements from last year and volleyball adding a co-op agreement with Ohio.

Building Activities

- Mr. Metz, Mrs. Challand and the summer custodial crew once again did a fantastic job preparing the school for the students' return. With the construction it has been challenging, but they worked hard to get it done.



**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
August 19th, 2021
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



- Staff members are completing a book study titled "Significant 72" by Greg Wolcott.
- The high school is starting work on an Education Pathway through a grant provided by the Regional Office of Education. This will take a couple of years to get the process rolling, but the goal is to give students who would like to go into the field of education a chance to be in the classroom helping teachers while still in high school.
- We held the 1st day of school activities yesterday with classes playing Rock-Paper-Scissors, egg toss, marble run, Alleyball, kickball, and ending with tug-of-war. Miss Bus's homeroom won the class competition.

B. Superintendent Reports

5. Action: Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
6. Action: Return to Learn Plan
7. Action: Executive Session
8. Action: Return to Open Session
9. Action: Personnel
10. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment