

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

Tuesday, March 22, 2022  
7:00 PM

Amboy Junior High School  
Cafeteria  
240 N Metcalf Avenue  
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 BOARD MEETING OF THE  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the regular board meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Pratt and Stenzel. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

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

- Minutes of the January 20, 2022, open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 20, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that 86% of the anticipated revenue for the year has been received and \$306,346 in sales tax dollars. This is about 100% of the expected local revenue and 54% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 67% this fiscal year which is being mostly operating fund's expenditures. Leffelman asked if there is more to pay on the building project. Superintendent Nichols responded that not everything is done yet and we are holding back 10% until completion of project.

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 reported on curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, school activities, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols shared that the ESSER III grant was approved. This is \$899,288 that will go to High School HVAC work, fund two years of a Math Interventionist at Central School, afterschool tutoring, bus Wi-Fi equipment, summer school classes, summer enrichment programs, and staff retention incentive stipends.

Joyce Schamberger announced that the Preschool For All Grant is up to be rewritten this year and will be applying for it.

The first reading of the 2022-2023 school calendar was presented. The big change is the moving of the parent-teacher conference days from October to the week of Thanksgiving. Payne asked if there is a downside to not having School Improvement Days November through January. Superintendent Nichols replied that we found that the teachers prefer these days set this way over the previous years.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to accept the quote from OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota, IL, for drug and alcohol testing services for the 2022-2023

school year, as presented. They have been conducting the required testing for mainly bus drivers and recommends we continue to use them. Powers asked why we don't have students tested. Superintendent Nichols replied that the only time a student is tested is when they are in athletics or extra-curricular activities. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to accept the proposal from Midwest Transit Equipment for the lease extension on the two 2018 72 passenger school buses, as presented. Extending the lease with a new warranty is cheaper than leasing a new one year old bus for three years. The current buses are in good shape. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the quote from CDW-G LLC for chromebooks, as presented. The Lenovo chromebooks will replace 370 student devices that are coming off lease this year. The 47 Acer Chromebooks will replace the teacher devices. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to approve the Memorandum of Understandings between the Amboy Community Unit School District 272 and the Amboy Education Association and the Teamsters Local Union 722 regarding retention stipends, as presented. This money comes from the ESSER III grant. All staff members, regardless of classification or hours, will receive a \$1000 retention incentive stipend. The first \$500 will be paid to all employees who were employed at the time of the grant approval and the second \$500 will be paid to all employees who are employed at the end of the school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:28 p.m., a motion was made by Powers 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 8:27 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 Powers and seconded by Leffelman to approve the suspensions of students 2-22-22-1 through 2-22-22-50, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to accept and approve the following personnel: resignation of Danielle Benesh as Social Studies Teacher at the High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year; employment of Haylie Barrera as Special Education Teacher at Central School for the 2022-2023 school year; and employment of Jordan Shores as Van Driver, effective February 11, 2022. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming Dates: School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 5, 2022, 8:00 a.m.-Junior High School

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, March 17, 2022, 7:00 p.m.-Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:29 p.m. by Payne and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. 2022-2023 IHSA Membership Renewal
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
  - A. Review of Financial Reports
  - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
  - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School**  
Principal's Report  
March 22<sup>nd</sup>, 2022  
Submitted by: Andrew Full

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Wednesday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza to discuss the following topics: IQF and critical components tool, list of retention students, summer school, 2022-2023 school schedule, and state report.
- On Wednesday, March 9<sup>th</sup> grade level teams met for two class periods to discuss the following topics: positive postcards, student behaviors/academics, and students of the month.
- On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss the “problem solving referral form” put together by OCEC and Allie Cardot explained it.
- During our SIP day on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> teachers 5-12 were given time to meet in their subject areas to align curricular standards, talk about what is working/not working, overlaps, and what is needed for improvement.
- On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss IAR accommodations and testing procedures.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly in the gym and the following awards were handed out:
  - o Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mallory Bodmer and Ian Hassler
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Addi Blaine and Teagen Payne
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Maddi Althaus and Ty Florschuetz
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Molly Hassler and Samm Hummel
    - P.E.- Addi Blaine and Cooper Welch
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Brian Clements, Jasper Oury, Lily Yanez, Emilee Blaha, Carli Grennan, Henry Klein, Trevor Stenzel, Joe VanLoo,

Caiden Heath, Kenzie Sus, Jason Dickinson, Kaitlyn Dempsey, Haylee Albee, Shawn Thompson, Maddix Beyer, Kodie Dempsey, Brynleigh Payne, Kayla Oury, and Ezra Parker.

- Young Authors were recognized.
- The concert band played a few songs to get the crowd hyped up.

### **School Activities:**

- Track and Field started on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Katie Bulfer and Mrs. Ashley Platz as the coaches. There are about 60 participants.
- During the week of March 7<sup>th</sup> students, faculty, and staff prepared to “Rock the IAR” by having a school spirit week.
- Students took the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR) starting on Tuesday, March 15<sup>th</sup> and finished on Thursday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Makeups were scheduled to start on Friday, March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade students took the Illinois Science Assessment on Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup>. It took longer than expected and some students will have to finish during makeup times.
- On Monday, March 14<sup>th</sup> 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> grade students were introduced to Xello and did a couple of lessons/activities on the platform.

**Amboy Central School**  
Principal Report  
Joyce Schamberger  
March 2022

**PBIS:**

- Camper of the Week certificates were handed out. Third Quarter PBIS Celebrations will be held March 25<sup>th</sup> with a trip to the theater in Princeton.

**School Improvement:**

- Problem Solving team met with each grade level on March 14 to discuss those students who are having academic concerns and struggling.
- The Central School Improvement team met on March 14 to continue working on their plan.

**School Activities:**

- Report cards will go out on March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- March 6<sup>th</sup> was the first drive through Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful fundraiser.
- On Monday, March 7<sup>th</sup> 145 students were guests at the Principal's Breakfast. All students who sold 10+ tickets earned a ticket to the breakfast.
- Spring parties will be held on Friday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:30p.m.
- On March 25<sup>th</sup> those students who made their reading goals for the month of March will be rewarded with "dirt and worms!"
- March 9 – Severe Weather drill; all mandated drills are completed
- April 6 & 7 –Preschool screenings- call for an appointment
- Spring Concert is
- Each grade level is planning on a class field trip. Information will be sent to parents asap.
- Central School has three student teachers. Please welcome Sydnie Garriott in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade with Mrs. Zimmerly, Haylie Berrera with Mrs. Rod in Special Education, and Gracie Rabuck in Music with Mrs. Schwamberger.

# AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

March 22, 2022  
Prepared by: Janet Crownhart



## Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Haden McCoy.
- School improvement day was held on March 14th. We held a pep assembly in the morning and then breakout sessions with individual teachers.
  - Clipper Pride Awards Winners for February:
    - Nich Ochoa, Kole Beckham, Karagen Welch, Austin Shugars, Emily McLain, James Curl, Brad Dinwiddie, Olivia Dinges, Phillip Stewart, Aislinn Zitelman, Kimber, Zitelman, Serenity Munk, Courtney Lachat, Landon Montavon, Brennan Blaine, Aiden Smith, Michael Cagle, Sabie Koppien, Rylyn Karrow, Ava Cline, Michael Shoemaker, Grace Royer, Haidyn Zimmerly, Chanlor Pohl, Sam Russell, Andrew Scott, Andruw Jones, Brysen Full, Abby Christofferson
  - Staff Recognition Award Winner: James Browne
  - Clipper Pride Awards Winners for March:
    - Hunter Rasmussen, Courtney Ortgiesen, Dylan Daniels, Alainie Wittenauer, Autumn Norman, Phillip Stewart, Austin Olson, Haidyn Zimmerly, Quinn Leffelman, Brooklyn Strub, Kelton Schwamberger, Alexzandra Vaessen, Sierra Rhodes, Sam Russell, Angela Daszkiewicz, Isaac Schamberger.
  - Staff Recognition Award Winner: Alaina Martillaro

## School Activities

- February 22, 2022 staff enjoyed Taco Tuesday lunch from LaFiesta. Some staff dressed in 2's shirts and tutu's.
- Congrats to our FFA members who competed in the District 1 FFA proficiency (record book) interviews on March 9th! We are very proud of these members for their hard work in their projects!
  - Emma Dinges in goat production
  - Ethan Pratt in grain production
  - Natalie Pratt in ag communications

- Dana Merriman in ag education
  - Ethan Pratt was also named the District winner and will advance to state in grain production!

### **Building Activities**

- Spring sports and activities are underway. Elly Jones won 3 events and set 3 indoor school records at the meet last Wednesday night. The girls put a lot of good effort for the first meet and for some of them their first indoor meets.
- Feb 22nd - Feb 25 was FFA Week. We started with a breakfast from Sunset, drive a tractor to school, petting zoo on Friday and dress up days throughout the week.
- Spring Musical, Moana Jr was held on March 11, 12,13. The students did a great job being back on stage.
- Thank you to the AEF for donating lunch on March 14th.

B. Superintendent Reports

5. Action: 2022-2023 School Calendar
6. Action: Executive Session
7. Action: Return to Open Session
8. Action: Student Discipline
9. Action: Personnel
10. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment