

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

Thursday, April 21, 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 RETREAT OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 5, 2022 AT 8:00 A.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

President Jones called the meeting to order at 8:00 am. Members present: Nicole Jones, Katie Pratt, Elsa Payne, Mandy Powers, Jason Leffelman, and Rory White. Nichole Stenzel joined by Zoom. Also present: Joshua Nichols, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Katie Bulfer.

Joshua Nichols reviewed Dyopath report. All projectors have been received and they are very advanced. We have 3-year leases to keep up with the latest and greatest technology. Cyber security was also discussed.

Andrew Full presented the athletic reports for high school and junior high. There was no high school wrestling tournament this year due to an uptick in Covid cases. IHSA will possibly be picking up 8-man football. The junior high is moving forward with joining the Rock River Valley Conferene (RRVC). There will be a meeting in April. La Moille has reached out to expand co-op for other sports. This was discussed and agreed that we would not allow if it puts us at risk to bump to the 2A conference.

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

Anji Garza joined virtually and presented information regarding the Strategic Plan. Conversations were had about priorities and values in our district. She also reviewed survey findings.

Break at 10:10-10:20 a.m.

Superintendent Nichols presented the Operations & Maintenance Report. Ken Willey submitted his report for Nichols to present which included recommendations for building repairs and maintenance, and summer help recommendations, and hours of operation during the summer.

Nichols reviewed the Transportation Report submitted by Al Quest. Fleet is in good shape. Leases are already approved for next year. We currently have drivers fully staffed.

Principal reports were presented. Superintendent Nichols presented for Joyce Schamberger for Central. Central School Winter Data for Math and ELA reviewed. Scores showing below level. Also reviewed SEL supports, 2022-2023 school schedule, and discussed possibly adding special education preschool. Janet Crownhart recapped 2021 high school goals and gave updates. Crownhart is proposing the high school schedule for 2022-2023 school year to be 8:00 a.m to 3:00 p.m. with 4 minute passing periods. Also discussed was Pathways work and 3 students participating that are pursuing education, gave update on SEL supports, student engagement, PSAT/SAT scores- Crownhart does not feel that students take the tests seriously, and there was also learning loss from COVID year and remote students. Andrew Full discussed extra curriculars at junior high, IAR and ELA trends, SIP team, SEL supports. Full mentioned junior high needs a Social Studies curriculum. Nichols does not recommend getting a new curriculum for at least 2 years due to the current political differences. Retention and summer school also discussed. Katie Bulfer addressed discipline issues at the junior high and high school. The high school has had 155 logged referrals, and the junior high has had 200 logged referrals. The board discussed at length the needs of students and staff for mental health and emotional supports. The board directed Superintendent Nichols to pursue hiring another counselor and the need of a counselor so there can be a counselor in every building.

Superintendent Nichols presented the State of the District Report which included student enrollment projections, fund balance review, state testing trends, and future plans regarding buildings, finances, and going forward after COVID.

Mandy Powers left the meeting at 1:02 p.m.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 1:09 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, MARCH 22, 2022 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

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, Mason Ely, Nick Corcoran, Riley McNair, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger, and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. High School government students, Mason Ely, Nick Corcoran and Riley McNair, presented their project “The Need For A School Resource Officer In District #272”. Katie Pratt shared information on the Focus Group committee (Strategic Planning) meeting. Students are on this committee and they added good feedback.

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

- Minutes of the February 22, 2022, open & closed regular board meetings;
- 2022-2023 IHSA membership renewal; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 17, 2020.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 89% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$349,545 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 65% of the anticipated Evidence-Based Funding. The district has used 71% this fiscal year. The operating funds are where it was anticipated them being with roughly 66% of the school year completed.

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

Principals Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger, and Janet Crownhart reviewed their reports on curriculum and school improvement, school activities, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols discussed the following:

- Boiler repair in the High School.
- Building projects:
 1. Central School playground mulch, retaining wall, and new equipment.
 2. High School track.
 3. Outdoor classroom at Central School.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the 2022-2023 school calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:46 p.m., a motion was made by Powers 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 or legal counsel for the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:26 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to approve the suspensions of students 3-22-22-1 through 3-22-22-9, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to accept the retirement resignation of Lori Bickett as High School Secretary, effective June 30, 2022; accept the resignation of MiKayla Hussey as Preschool Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2021-2022 school year; grant tenure contracts to fourth-year probationary teachers, as presented; grant contract renewals to tenured teachers, as presented; grant contract renewals to non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented; approve support staff contract renewals, as presented; approve Danielle Benesh as Fresh/Soph Softball Coach for the 2021-2022 school year; approve Ashley Platz as Junior High Boys Track Coach for the 2021-2022 school year; and approve the employment of Summer Cleaning Help, as presented. Motion carried with five yea votes. Stenzel abstained and Pratt voted Nay.

President Jones announced upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, April 21, 2022, 7:00 p.m.-Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to adjourn at 8:30 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2022-2023 IESA Registration
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. 2021-2022 Tentative Amended Budget
 - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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Amboy School PreK-4

Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
April 2022

School Improvement:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing for grades 3& 4 have been completed.
- Preschool Screenings were held April 7 & 8. There are 18 spots for preschoolers.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2022-23 school year is open.
- The Central School Improvement team will meet again with Angie Garza on April 25th to continue the process of school improvement.

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.

School Activities:

- Congratulations to Olivia Miller, Olivia Dinges and Ian Eller for planning a successful Literacy Night on April 13th. Thank you to all of the Central School teachers who gave assistance to make this successful.
- Central School PTC held a Prep, Freeze, Cook fundraiser. Meal pickup was April 20th.
- PTC is planning a Muffins with Mom Breakfast on Wed. May 4th on the blacktop parking lot in the back of the school. This will be similar to the Donuts with Dad Breakfast. Serving begins from 7:30a.m. – 8:00a.m.
- 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.

AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL

April 21, 2022
Prepared by: Janet Crownhart



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Lauren Richardson.
- Students took the PSAT 9, PSAT 10, and SAT on Wednesday, April 13. Students did a great job staying on task and following directions. We are hoping many of them were able to earn final exam exemptions from this test.

School Activities

- We had 33 participants in the NCAA bracket. Winners of the pizza for lunch one day this week are Chanlor Pohl 63 points and Eddie Jones 55 points. Winners of the Dairy Delight certificate are Lexi Morgan, Serenity Munk, and Kelton Schwamberger, who all tied for 3rd place with 54 points.
- The Autism Awareness Fundraiser this year raised a little over \$1,000.00 from the Autism Awareness Raffle Tickets for Special Olympics this year alone! Between the last two years we have donated a little over \$1,300.00 to Special Olympics and just over \$450.00 to Kreider Services. Mason Ely has run this event on his own to raise money for these organizations and to bring awareness to Autism.

Building Activities

- On March 26th, Ethan Pratt won the state contest for the grain production record book area, congratulations Ethan!
- On March 30th, we had 3 FFA members compete in the section 2 public speaking contest. Natalie Pratt placed 1st in Creed Speaking, Andruw Jones placed 3rd in extemp, and Kelton Schwamberger placed 1st in Extemp.
- On April 2nd, FFA competed in the section 2 livestock and dairy judging contests. As a team they placed 2nd in both events. As individuals in the livestock event Kelton Schwamberger placed 3rd and Emma Dinges placed 9th. As individuals in the dairy contest Brysen Full placed first and Emma Dinges placed 8th.
- District 1 parliamentary procedure and Conduct of Chapter Meeting Results from April 7th!!
 - Parliamentary Procedure- 2nd place team (qualifies for the state contest). Team members, : Kelton Schwamberger - 2nd place chairman, Dana

Merriman, Emma Dinges - 2nd place floor member, Andruw Jones, Lauren Althaus, Mason Ely

- Conduct of Chapter Meetings (freshmen contest) results: 1st place team overall (qualifies for state contest) Team members: Kenley Wilson - 1st place chairman, Grace Royer - 9th place floor member, Alainie Wittenauer - 1st place floor member, Natalie Pratt - 5th place floor member, Brysen Full, Quinn Leffelman, Tyler Huggins - 4th place floor member
 - Good luck to both teams as they compete at state on May 5th!



Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
April 21st, 2022
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, April 6th the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza and Shauna Dinges to discuss the following topics: IQF and critical components tool, list of retention students, summer school, RtI forms, 2022/2023 meeting dates, budget, and summer meeting schedule.
- On Wednesday, April 13th grade level teams met for two class periods to discuss the following topics: positive postcards, student behaviors/academics, field trips, and students of the month.

PBIS:

- On Monday, April 25th we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly in the gym and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Oliver Jones and Hannah Whitman
 - 6th Grade- Henry Klein and Charlotte Patterson
 - 7th Grade- Caden Hermeyer and Chloe Vaupel
 - 8th Grade- Rylan McNinch and Ellie McLaughlin
 - P.E.- (Will update at May meeting)
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- (Will update at May meeting)
 - o The concert band played a few songs to get the crowd hyped up.

School Activities:

- Grade level teams are looking into scheduling field trips.
- Spring activity pictures were taken on April 14th.
- 5th grade attended the Ag. Expo out at the 4-H center on Friday, April 22nd.
- Students will be completing final benchmarking for the year.

- We will be hosting our track and field invite on Saturday, April 23rd.
- We will be hosting IESA Scholastic Bowl regionals on Wednesday, April 27th.
- Band will be having their Spring Concert on Friday, April 29th.

B. Superintendent Reports

5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2022-2023 Fee Schedule
6. Action: Pump Installation Proposal
7. Action: School Board Meeting Dates

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Amboy Community Unit School District #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING DATES
May 2022 through April 2023

**Meetings will be held in the Amboy Junior High Cafeteria
at 7:00 p.m., unless otherwise specified.**

Tuesday, May 24, 2022

Thursday, June 16, 2022

Thursday, July 14, 2022

Thursday, August 4, 2022 (Finance Meeting)

Thursday, August 18, 2022

Thursday, September 15, 2022 (Central School)

Thursday, October 20, 2022

Tuesday, November 15, 2022

Thursday, December 15, 2022

Thursday, January 19, 2023

Thursday, February 16, 2023

Saturday, March 4, 2023 (Retreat)

Thursday, March 16, 2023

Thursday, April 20, 2023

8. Action: Executive Session
9. Action: Return to Open Session
10. Action: Student Discipline
11. Action: Early Graduation
12. Action: Personnel
13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment