

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

Thursday, September 15, 2022  
6:30 PM

Central School Gym  
30 E Provost Street  
Amboy, IL 61310

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Action: Public Hearing on 2022-2023 Budget
  - 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, AUGUST 18, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, George Howe, Matt Moore, Tanya Ketchum, Rebecca Lopez, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Superintendent Nichols announced that he recommends to not adopt the Comprehensive Personal Health and Safety and Sexual Health Education standards and continue teaching the health curriculum that is currently used. A vote is not necessary since we are not adopting those standards. Nichols thanked the City of Amboy for creating Metcalf Avenue a one way. There is less congestion and safer for all. Yvonne Vicks presented junior high data results from May for reading and math from the Illinois Assessment of Readiness (IAR), Star Assessment and easyCBM. She also discussed a new benchmark assessment called the Learning Renewal Interim Assessment (LRIA). Tanya Ketchum and Rebecca Lopez inquired about the soccer program. It was explained that transportation was an issue, there was no coach and no supervisor for the Amboy participants, and only three were interested in the sport. They believe there are more interested and asked if Andrew Full could look into it for next school year.

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

- Minutes of the July 14, 2022, open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated February 18, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received \$5,135,671 of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$44,007 in sales tax revenue. The district has used roughly 9% or \$1,458,480 this fiscal year noting that the operating funds are where we expected them to be with 8% of the year completed.

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

Principals, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full and Janet Crownhart reported on school activities, school improvement, PBIS, curriculum, building activities, and commended all the summer workers and custodians for getting the schools clean and ready for the new year. Joyce Schamberger also shared that the Preschool For All received the Gold Circle of Quality rating.

Superintendent Nichols gave an update on the outdoor classroom and playground projects at Central School. He acknowledged all the work that was done to get the buildings and grounds ready for the start of the year and discussed the issues with the new kitchen ovens and stove at Central.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Stenzel to approve the 2022-2023 Return to Learn Plan, as presented. As part of the ESSER grants, we are required to commit to in-person instruction and to continue updating and posting our return to learn plan. The CDC released updated guidance last week and the state is planning on adopting the updated guidance. When

the state releases their updated guidance, we can update our return to learn plan to reflect the CDC's. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Leffelman to approve the Administrative Procedures for the use of a handheld metal detector wand at the high school, as presented. This will help Principal Crownhart and Dean of Students, Katie Bulfer crackdown on the vaping that is going on in the bathrooms. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:48 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel 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 8:18 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 Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the employment of Kathy Karpinski as Cafeteria Cook, effective August 17, 2022; Amanda Reynoso as Bus Aide, effective August 15, 2022; and Abbe Christoffersen as 7<sup>th</sup> Grade Volleyball Coach for the 2022-2023 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, September 15, 2022 – 6:30 p.m. - Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:20 p.m. by Powers and seconded by White 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: \_\_\_\_\_

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 4, 2022 AT 6:29 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the finance meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:29 p.m. All board members were present except Leffelman and Stenzel. Also present were Joshua Nichols and Janet Crownhart.

The finance meeting began with open forum. Janet Crownhart discussed the use of metal detectors to search students when the vape sensors go off. Janet stated that our attorneys don't know why we are not patting students down when the sensors go off. The attorneys mentioned if a case were taken to court, they cannot guarantee a win if a metal detector was used for a search. Janet does not feel comfortable patting down students. She explained that if the sensor goes off, she will use the wand on the students present or near the sensor, and if the wand goes off, she will call parent's if the student does not show what is making the detector go off. Janet will have a general policy created that will be similar to the search policy already in place: search will take place in a private room, two adults present with at least one adult being the same gender as student being searched. Administration and Mr. Delimata will be trained for use of the metal detectors. The board will vote to have this added to the handbook at the August 18<sup>th</sup> regular board meeting.

Janet Crownhart left the meeting at 6:45 p.m.

Superintendent Nichols presented the tentative budget for the 2022-2023 school year.

Katie Pratt asked about getting an electric sign for the high school and junior high school. Superintendent Nichols does not think an electric sign will get the attention that it did at the corner of Hawley and Metcalf. Only people on Hawley will see the sign, as the sign cannot be put back in place of where it was due to underground mechanics for the junior high school.

Superintendent Nichols mentioned that bids for the old junior high school demolition should be going out next month. Surplus sale has not happened at the old junior high, but there have been groups that have come in and purchased items.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Pratt to authorize the Administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2022-2023 school year, and further to set the 2022-2023 budget hearing for Thursday, September 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Powers to approve the quote from Main Stage Theatrical Supply, Inc. for curtain replacement in the high school, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the resignations of Alaina Martillaro as Counselor at the high school, Dawn Challand as A La Carte/Cashier at the high school, effective August 10, 2022, and Amy McCoy as Bus Driver. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols provided a recap of teachers and staff that are still needed. High school needs a Spanish Teacher and Counselor. Junior high needs an ELA Teacher. Central is still in need of a 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher. The plan is to move Jenni Shafer from Math Interventionist to 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Teacher if the position is not filled by the beginning of the school year.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 7:19 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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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 Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
September 15<sup>th</sup>, 2022  
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Monday, August 29<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss study hall expectations, behavior logs, fail list, homework assignments, and field trips.
- On Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup> department meetings were held after school for the following subjects: P.E., Social Studies, and Science.
- On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: 1003(a) budget, review goals/priority areas, interventions, and special education.
- On Monday, September 12<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held and the SIP team gave the faculty and staff an update of what they have been working on.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, September 26<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
  - o Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade-
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade-
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade-
    - P.E.-
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-

I will update these during the October meeting.

**School Activities:**

- School pictures were taken on Tuesday, August 30<sup>th</sup>.
- 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball competed in the Montmorency Tournament on September 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>.

- Speech Team has started with Ms. Vicks as the coach. There are three students participating.
- Art Club started on September 13<sup>th</sup> with Mrs. Goslin as the sponsor.



**Amboy High School  
Principal's Report  
September 15th, 2022  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Courtney Ortgiesen!!
- Mr Browne and Ms Rose attended a webinar on Aug 31 to learn more about the new science curriculum.
- Mrs. Crownhart attended the CPI refresher course on Aug 10th

### **School Activities**

- School pictures were taken on August 30th with Picture retakes available on Oct 12th.
- Held first fire drill on September 9th.
- During homeroom this month students have been working on the first few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons as well as Xello to get ready for the upcoming college and career fair. Juniors and seniors also had the opportunity to meet with a rep from ISAC to learn about the college application process.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Homecoming is the week of Sept 25th with Powder Puff football on Sunday the 25th.
  - SIP day Monday, Sept 26th is the job fair with a pep rally and then F/S football at home starting at 5:30pm
  - Tuesday, Sept 27th is the LaMoille Parade, volleyball game, and bonfire as well as a home Amboy Volleyball game vs Fulton starting at 5pm.
  - Wednesday, Sept 28th is a home Cross Country Meet at Shady Oaks at 4pm
  - Thursday, Sept 29th is an open house at the high school from 5:30-7:00 and then skit night on the field at 7pm with the announcement of King and Queen at the end of the evening.
  - Friday, Sept 30th is the Parade starting about 2:15 and then a home football game starting at 7pm.
  - Saturday, Oct 1 is the high school dance in the AHS Clipper Cove

Principal Report PreK - 4  
Joyce Schamberger  
September 2022

**PBIS:**

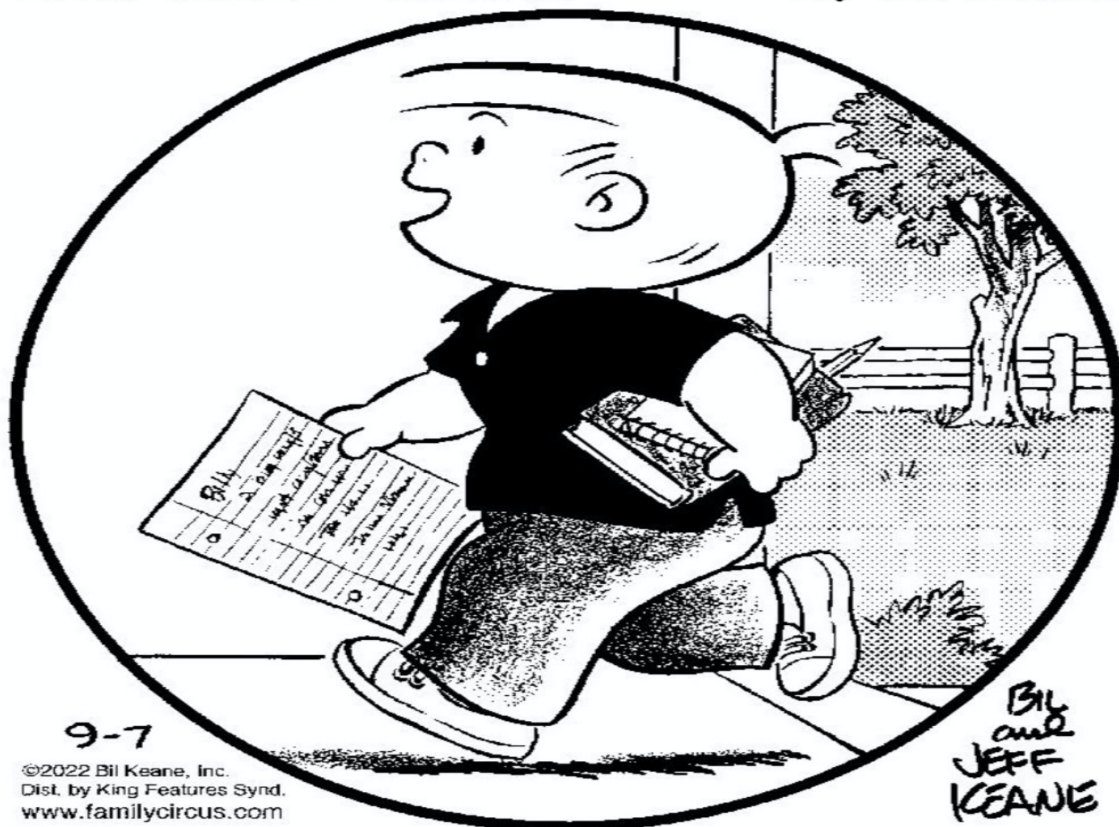
- The Prize Closet for Central School students to purchase using “CurrentSea” is being stocked by suggestions from students and teachers. Central School PTC will support the PBIS program.
- During the Sept. 9 assembly students were recognized for Starfish of the Week. Students were informed about the yearlong Book-It Theme and the monthly rewards for making their reading goals.
- We will have a dress up week in honor of Homecoming!

**School Activities:**

- The Second Step presentations began weekly from the YWCA of the Sauk Valley. This program presents programs on Social Emotional Learning.
- Mr. Joe Jahn trained our students in bus evacuation as part of the required drills. We also held a fire drill on
- Mrs. Goslin has started a Drawing/Art Club. There are 4 sessions for students and all sessions are full. Emphasis is on drawing and not crafts.
- Central PTC will be holding a Donuts with Dad on Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> on the blacktop area outside. Coffee, donuts, milk/juice will be offered as a free will donation. This is open to all VIP’s for students from Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade from 7:15a.m-8:15am.
- Picture Day was September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- Thank you to Meusel’s Dairy Delite. On Sept. 7<sup>th</sup> they donated 50% of their sales to Central PTC.

# THE FAMILY CIRCUS

By Bil Keane



**“School is a lot better this year! They fixed all the playground stuff!”**

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: School Maintenance Project Grant Application
6. Action: Executive Session
7. Action: Return to Open Session
8. Action: Early Graduation
9. Action: Student Discipline
10. Action: Personnel
11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment