

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

Thursday, December 15, 2022  
6:30 PM

Amboy Junior High School  
Cafeteria  
240 N Metcalf Avenue  
Amboy, IL 61310

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Action: Public Hearing on Tax Levy for 2022
  - 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  
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2022, AT 6:30 P.M.  
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 except Powers and White. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Anna Willis, Larry Piper, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the audience. Yvonne Vicks presented the junior high fall student data which included RtI target percentages, Star reading and math percentiles, and LRIA (Learning Renewal Interim Assessments) reading expectations.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the following consent agenda item(s): minutes of the October 20, 2022, open & closed regular board meetings; and delete audio recordings dated May 18, 2021. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the finance reports. The district has received \$9,477,767 of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$194,093 in sales tax revenue. This is the anticipated 86% of local revenue and 28% state revenue. For expenditures, \$4,810,035 has been used this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the tentative tax levy for the year 2022, as presented, and to set a public hearing date for Thursday, December 15, 2022, 6:30 p.m., at the Junior High School. Superintendent Nichols shared a brief summary on the tentative tax levy. He'll provide a presentation on the levy at the truth and taxation hearing during the December board meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The next order of business was Principal Reports. Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full and Janet Crownhart shared their building's current curriculum and school improvement information, PBIS, and school activities.

For his Superintendent Report, Nichols discussed the following; 1) The pre-bid demolition meeting was held and 25 contractors came. Bid opening is set for November 22. 2) Received Illinois Maintenance Grant of \$50,000. 3) Mr. Heavner has asked to declare surplus on items in the agriculture shop. These items are not being used or not operational. 4) There have been no FOIA requests since the last meeting.

Katie Pratt brought attention to the updated table tents created by the strategic planning committees. These provide the Vision, Mission and Values of Amboy CUSD #272 and play into the five priority areas they continue to work on.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Leffelman to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Education of Amboy CUSD 272 and the Board of Education of Ohio CESD 17 to consolidate their girls volleyball, boys basketball, and girls basketball, for 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, as presented. This will allow Ohio students to come here and play on our teams but if they have

enough for their own team in a particular year, they would field their own team. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the quote from Lion Electric for two 2022 LionC electric buses, as presented. This is using the state-approved Sourcewell purchasing coop agreement with Lion. The EPA grant funds will be used to purchase these 71-passenger electric buses. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:28 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 8:18 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 Payne to approve the suspensions of students 11-15-22-1 through 11-15-22-17, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Leffelman to approve the retirement resignation of Joyce Schamberger as Principal at Central School, effective June 30, 2023. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

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

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



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

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to welcome faculty/staff back from break and to discuss students.
- On Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss end of the quarter events.
- On Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup> the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: TRS-IA results and action planning, NEXUS referrals, LRI-A/Priority Standards, Special Education, and Planning.
- On Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held and the SIP team presented to the faculty what they have been working on.
- On Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> grade level team meetings were held.

**PBIS:**

- On Friday, November 11<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- Vanessa Gross and Mason Payne
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Kenzie Alletto and Izzy Klein
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jason Hemmen and Abbi Fox
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Callan Christoffersen and Morgan Kreiser
    - P.E.- Adelynn Kreiser and Parker Zimmerly
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Vanessa Gross, Jack McCoy, Abel Mumm, Tavarius Briar, Erika Decker, Bella Daly, Aubrey Gabbard, Kylee Grotzinger, Charlotte Patterson, Ty Florschuetz, Westin Wittenauer, Leah Bonnell, Maxwell Patterson, Ayla Costner, Aden Spinelli, Jose Lopez, Tinley Helms, Scott Willstead, and Rylan Koch.

- Student names were drawn for prizes for raising their STAR and LRI-A scores.
- Girls volleyball was recognized and the trophies they earned this past season were presented to the school.

**School Activities:**

- On Friday, November 11<sup>th</sup> and Saturday November 12<sup>th</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball team participated in the Ladd Veterans Day Tournament and placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- On Monday, November 21<sup>st</sup> and Tuesday, November 22<sup>nd</sup> Parent/Teacher Conferences were held.
- A canned food drive was sponsored by AJHS Student Council from Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On Saturday, December 3<sup>rd</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade boys basketball teams participated in the Chadwick Streaks Tournament and both levels placed 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- Starting Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> and running through Wednesday, December 21<sup>st</sup> faculty/staff and students participated in our “December to Remember” dress up days.
- On Wednesday, December 7<sup>th</sup>, AJHS held their Jr. Beta induction. Mrs. Lindenmeyer is the sponsor and we welcomed 28 new members.
- On Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> AJHS had their Winter Concert where Concert Band, Beginning Band, and Chorus all performed.
- Starting on Saturday, December 10<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> AJHS hosted the RRVC basketball tournament for 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> grade and Amboy placed \_\_\_\_\_.
- Starting on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> and concluding on Thursday, December 15<sup>th</sup> AJHS hosted the RRVC basketball tournament for 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade and Amboy placed \_\_\_\_\_.
- On December 19<sup>th</sup> students went to Plum Hollow for their Quarter 2 Celebration. All students were able to bowl and either play laser tag or mini golf. Students that did not receive any detentions/negative behavior logs from Monday, November 28<sup>th</sup> to December 16<sup>th</sup> were able to participate in all three.



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### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Ryan Dickinson.
- Mrs Carlson, Ms Bus, Ms Rose, and Mrs Arellano attend a workshop through the ROE on December 1st called Teach, Train, Thrive with Lani Lawson.
- Mrs Arellano attended the ROE and Region 20 dinner on November 28th and listened to the Teacher of Year from Oregon High School talk about their “Hawks Take Flight” program.

### **School Activities**

- Clipper Pride Awards were handed out on November 11th with awards going to:
  - Brad Schmidt, Emma Chandler, Wesley Wilson, Aaliyah Pointer, Bristol Bulfer, Brody Christofferson, Madison Huggins, Ellie McLaughlin, Anna Carlson, Grace Royer, Brysen Full, Sidney Lewis, Addison Pertell, Robert Raymond, Cordia Asencio
  - Staff Award: Emily Rose
- During homeroom this month, on top of working through the next SEL lessons,
  - Nov 14th seniors met with the Sauk Valley Chamber and local employers to learn more about soft skills needed in the workplace
  - Nov 14th freshmen, sophomores, and juniors met with the Attorney's General office about cybersecurity and cyberbullying
  - Nov 15th SVCC came and spoke with freshmen and sophomores about the first steps in choosing a college
  - Nov 7th SVCC presented to Juniors and Seniors about Manufacturing opportunities in our area and how to get into the field of manufacturing, not just the actual hand-ons work, but engineering, business, finance, medical, etc.
- Veterans Day presentation was held on Nov 11th in the AHS gym. Thank you Joyce Schamberger for organizing the event. Prior to the presentation, former graduate and



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Captain in the Army National Guard, Jennifer (Bonnell) Welker spoke to the students about resilience and working hard to achieve their goals.

- Parent teacher conferences were held on November 21st and 22nd. The high school had approximately 27% of the parents attend.
- PSAT 9 scores and PSAT/NMSQT scores have been released. Students should have access to these scores through Khan Academy.
- November 28th we had Digital Citizenship provided by the Illinois Attorney General's office discussing sexting, sexploitation, and how to stay safe on social media including TikTok and Instagram.

### **Looking Ahead**

- Final exams will be held on December 19th, 20th, and 21st.
- We are looking at making Feb SIP day (February 13th) a day with breakout sessions that will give students some knowledge of adult life. We are looking for community members to assist in sessions they believe students will need knowledge of prior to graduation. Please contact Mrs. Crownhart if you are interested in leading a breakout session.

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Principal Report  
Joyce Schamberger  
DECEMBER 2022

**PBIS:**

- On December 1<sup>st</sup> during our morning assembly Mrs. Schamberger handed out “Starfish of the Week” Awards to those students who were students of the week.
- On December 20<sup>th</sup>, Central School will have movies, donuts, and hot chocolate for their 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Incentive Celebration for PBIS. They also held their class parties the morning of Dec. 21<sup>st</sup>. Students who met their December reading goals were able to earn a pop-it key chain.

**School Activities:**

- The Central Christmas Concert was held on December 14<sup>th</sup> in the new AHS gym. Students in grades Preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade performed songs. Thank you to Mrs. Amy Schwamberger for doing this.
- The Canned Food Drive was very successful. The canned goods were collected for the Amboy Fire Dept and picked up on Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>.
- On Monday, Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> Walton Tap provided lunch to all the Central School staff. Thank you goes out to the Sheridan family for their generosity! The food was delicious and appreciated by everyone.
- On Dec. 8<sup>th</sup> Central School was visited by the State Fire Marshall and the ROE for the annual Health Life Safety visit. A complete walk-through was done and paperwork completed.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards (IASB) Policy Revisions
6. Action: Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2022 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, Lee County, Illinois
7. Action: Resolutions Authorizing Public Hearing Date for Transfer of Funds
8. Action: Resolution Authorizing Sale of Agriculture Surplus Equipment
9. Action: Demolition Bids
10. Action: 3M Safety Film Quote
11. Action: Bus Lease Quotes
12. Action: Executive Session
13. Action: Return to Open Session
14. Action: Student Discipline
15. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment