

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

Thursday, January 19, 2023
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 Transfer of Funds
 - 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, DECEMBER 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. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Larry Piper, Janet Crownhart, and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the public hearing regarding the 2021 Tax Levy. Superintendent Nichols presented the 2022 tax levy. The levy proposes a 6.0% increase over last year's extension. Local property taxes represent between 80 and 85% of the district's revenue.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to adopt the resolution for the 2022 Tax Levy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Powers to direct the Board Secretary to file the Certificate of Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to direct the Board President and Board Secretary to file the Truth in Taxation Certificate of Compliance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to close the public hearing on the 2022 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Larry Piper commended Superintendent Nichols and the board. He also commented on the destruction of property and offered to be a volunteer monitor if needed. Yvonne Vicks announced that Aaron Costner was awarded Judges Choice for Speech Team.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the consent agenda, as presented:

- Minutes of the November 15, 2022, open & closed regular board meetings;
- To keep all executive session minutes from April 21, 2022 through September 15, 2022, closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated June 17, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. For revenue, the district has received 81% of the anticipated amount for the year and \$243,681 in sales tax. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 37% of the anticipated state revenue. For expenses, 36% has been used. The operating fund's expenditures are where they were anticipated with roughly 42% of the school year completed.

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

Principal, Janet Crownhart reviewed her report, as presented. This included curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and a couple of looking ahead dates.

For his Superintendent report, Nichols discussed: 1) high school boiler replacement 2) annual Regional Office of Education fire safety walk through 3) demolition update 4) FOIA requests from SmartProcure and Bo Kim of UnionBids.com.

Received first reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to adopt the 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 District, as presented. These taxes need to be abated since we will be using sales tax dollars to pay for these bonds. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the resolutions that sets a public hearing for January 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m., at the Junior High School to discuss transfer of funds, as presented. These will allow us to transfer the sales tax funds from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes and from Transportation to Operations and Maintenance for the demolition of the old junior high building. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Pratt to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of agriculture surplus equipment, as presented. This would free up some space in the wood shop and be able to purchase some new equipment. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The following five motions are for the old junior high demolition project:

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to accept the bid from Engel as Electrical Contractor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to accept the bid from Northern Illinois Service as Demolition Contractor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to accept the bid from Schmitt Plumbing as Plumbing Contractor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to accept the bid from Rezzar as General Contractor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to accept the bid from Husar Abatement as Abatement Contractor, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to approve the quote from MGT Films for 3M Safety Film, as presented. This will secure the exterior doors/entrances and the classrooms at Central School and all of the High School and Junior High School entryways and doors and increase the safety of the schools. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to approve the 5-year lease quotes from Midwest Transit Equipment for two 2022 71-passenger school buses and one 2023 30-passenger school bus, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Powers to approve the lease extension quotes from Midwest Transit Equipment for the two 2020 41-passenger buses and two 2020 14-passenger activity buses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to move to executive session for the purpose of discussion of 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 7:57 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Andrew Full was now present.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve the suspensions of students 12-15-22-1 through 12-15-22-28, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting - Thursday, January 19, 2023 - Junior High School – 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne 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. Audio Recordings
- 3. Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Action: Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
January 2023
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Wesley Wilson.
- January 10th, Mrs Sachs attended a presentation titled “Developing Leadership in Special Education” which was held at SVCC.
- Mrs. Crownhart met with Freshmen, sophomores, and juniors on January 18th, 17th, and 13th to go over course options for next year. Parents were invited in on January 18th to also go over course options for their students for next year.
 - 8th grade students will hear from Mrs. Crownhart on January 20th and 8th grade parents are invited into the building to hear about course options on January 23rd.

School Activities

- Final Exams were held on December 19, 20, and 21.
- Army visited during lunch on January 11th
- Homeroom Material
 - SEL lessons this month focus on how to respond to peer pressures of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
 - U of I Chicago students have been here teaching students how to find reliable medical information on the internet.
 - Students completed a survey about the topics they would like to attend on the February SIP day

Looking Ahead

- We are looking at making Feb SIP day (February 13th) a day with breakout sessions that will give students some knowledge of adult life. Breakout sessions we need help with include:
 - Buying a car
 - Medical insurance
 - Meal planning and prep



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- Online banking
- Kitchen and food safety
- Food shopping
- Taxes and tax forms
- Self care - mental health
- Self care - Sleet and exercise
- Self Management - developing a schedule
- Writing Scholarships

Amboy Central Elementary School

Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
January 2023

School Improvement:

- The grade level teams re-trained students of the expectations for the PBIS of our school by watching a video made by our former 4th grade students.
- Student of the month awards were handed out on January 5th. Students were reminded to continue to read their library books and take tests to earn points. The school is halfway to the goal of 18,000 points!
- Students will complete winter benchmarking with LRIA and STAR reading and math.

School Activities:

- The Book-It activity for the month of January will be on January 31st with a brown bag activity.
- Central PTC met on Mon. Jan.9th. Plans are underway for the annual Pancake Breakfast. This will be done as a carry out meal/breakfast on March 5, 2023.
- Central School will celebrate 100th Day of school on Jan.30th.
- Congratulations to Mrs. Jamie Rodriguez for applying and obtaining a grant opportunity from The Maggie & Amos Foundation.
- Central School will host a Winter Wonderland Story Book Walk on Jan. 30th in the gym from 6:00-7:30p.m. This event is free to everyone and is sponsored by our preschool staff.
- Fourth grade students participated in the 5 Essentials Survey. Staff members have also been asked to complete the survey.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
January 19th, 2023**
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, January 4th Teachers Institute was held. In the morning teachers were able to work on/finalize grades for 2nd quarter. In the afternoon there was a presentation/activity on SEL presented by the ROE. A faculty meeting was also held to welcome back teachers, discuss SLO's, observations, and updates.
- On Wednesday, January 11th the following subjects met for department meetings: P.E., Social Studies, and Science.
- On Thursday, January 12th the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: SEL Plan Development, Nexus, Special Education, Calendar and Planning, and Strategic Plan Homework.
- On Wednesday, December 18th a department meeting was held for math.
- On Thursday, December 19th grade level team meetings were held to discuss student, discipline, and plan for upcoming events.

PBIS:

- On Wednesday, December 21st, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Teagan Moore and Jack McCoy
 - 6th Grade- Brynleigh Payne and Charlie Schoenholz
 - 7th Grade- Aubrey Gabbard and Aarav Patel
 - 8th Grade- Kai Vaupel and Tanner Welch
 - P.E.- Alexis White and Landon Carter
 - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Cylia Jackley, Teagan Partridge, Kylee Zellhofer, Camryn Noble, Hannah Shoemaker, Shawn Thompson, Jaron Wittenauer, Chase Rasmussen, Emma Richardson, Abel Valdez, Joe

Van Loo, Lainey Davis, Maggie Keene, Tori Pollock, Kai Vaupel, Sydney Noble, Brock Olson, Teagan Payne, and Dakota Beach

- The Concert Band played a few songs to pump up the crowd.
- Aaron Costner was awarded a “Judges Choice” Award for Speech Team.
- Fannie May rewards here handed out for those students who earned it.
- A friendly grade level competition was held.

School Activities:

- Girls Basketball has started and the coaches are: Adri Whitney, Trese McNinch, and Lindsey Kaleel.
- Scholastic Bowl has started and the coaches are Yvonne Vicks and Jackie Schrader.
- Dungeons and Dragons Club started a few weeks before Winter Break organized by Henry Nichols and Aaron Costner. Jackie Schrader is the sponsor and there are about 10 participants.
- On Thursday, January 5th faculty, staff, and students participated in the Significant 24.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
6. Action: Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
7. Action: Discipline Improvement Plan
8. Action: Track Bid
9. Action: Executive Session
10. Action: Return to Open Session
11. Action: Student Discipline
12. Action: Personnel
13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment