

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

Wednesday, February 22, 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. 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, JANUARY 19, 2023 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, Cynthia Carlson, Megan Bus, Yvonne Vicks, Larry Piper, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the public hearing on the permanent transfer of funds from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund and from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund. Superintendent Nichols explained that the first resolution will allow us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$124,400) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes and the second resolution will allow us to transfer (\$500,000) from Transportation to Operations and Maintenance for the demolition of the old junior high building. There were no questions or comments from the audience or the board. President Jones declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made Payne and seconded by Leffelman to adopt the resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by White to adopt the resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. High School Teachers, Cyndi Carlson and Megan Bus attended a professional development seminar, Teach-Train-Thrive from Lani Lawson. They had a presentation sharing what they learned on behavior management in the classrooms and data from our TeacherEase behavior logs. They would like to see Amboy host this specific training.

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

- Minutes of the December 15, 2022 open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated July 15, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 84% of the anticipated revenue and \$263,728 in sales tax dollars. This represents around 100% of the anticipated local revenue and around 46% of the anticipated state revenue. For expenses, the district has used 47% this fiscal year. The operating funds' expenditures are as anticipated.

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

Principals, Janet Crownhart, Joyce Schamberger, and Andrew Full reviewed curriculum, school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. Full added that the junior high band was selected to play at the 7th Grade Boys Basketball state game and student, Aarav Patel donated back \$251 to PTC from Fanny May sales.

Superintendent Nichols reported on some maintenance issues in the junior high kitchen and gave an update on building projects. He continued with sharing FOIA requests since last meeting: 1) Vince Espi from Local Labs and 2) Bo Kim of UnionBids.com.

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 5th-8th grade boys and girls track and field for the 2022-2023, 2023-2024, and 2024-2025 school years, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions, as presented. Superintendent Nichols shared a few of the many revisions. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the Discipline Improvement Plan, as presented. We are in the top 20% of schools for using exclusionary discipline (suspensions) and the state would like us to develop a plan to reduce the amount. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to accept the bid from Midwest Track Builders for the base bid of \$150,147.00 and the alternate bid of \$178,750.00 for track repair and replacement, as presented. The intent is to cover this project with sales tax revenue. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:44 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 8:23 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Pratt to approve the suspensions of students 1-19-23-1 through 1-19-23-11, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Jaclynn Koch as Health Aide, effective December 17, 2020. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to accept and approve the following personnel: resignations of Michelle Wilhelm as Cook, effective January 17, 2023 and Brad Dunlap as Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach; the hiring of Dustanie Bellows as 6-hour Cook, effective January 17, 2023; Janel Stahr as High School Accompanist for Musical; Tyson Powers as Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach; Katie Krogman as Junior High Girls Track Coach; and Brad Dunlap as Junior High Boys Track Coach. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Powers.

President Jones announced next board meeting is Thursday, February 16, 2023 at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Leffelman to adjourn the meeting at 8:25 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

Amboy PreK-4
Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
FEBRUARY 2023

School Improvement:

- On our SIP day all paras were trained on Instructional Strategies for the Classroom: Executive Functioning, Social Thinking, Academic Support.
- Grade 3-8 met with Anji Garza on Interim Assessment Data

PBIS:

- During our monthly SIP Assembly awards were handed out for our Starfish Student of the Week.
- Book-It Reading Goals for the month of February will be celebrated on Feb. 28th. Those that have met their February reading goals will be participate in art project with painting involved.

School Activities:

- Valentine's Day Parties were held on Monday, Feb. 14th, 2023.
- Preschool screenings will be held on April 4th & 6th at Central School.
- Central School PTC Breakfast is scheduled for March 5th. Tickets are available.
- Kindergarten Pre-registration is going on now. Please call or stop into Central School to pick up a packet.
- Young Authors Club began on Feb.8th for Central School students. Ms. Barrera and Ms. Krug are the sponsors.
- The YWCA presented Body Safety lessons to students in grades 1-4.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
February 16th, 2023
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, January 18th the math department met after school.
- On Wednesday, January 25th the ELA department met after school.
- On Tuesday, January 31st a faculty meeting was held to discuss discipline procedures, SLO's/Observations, and 5 Essentials.
- On February 1st the following departments met: Science, Social Studies, and P.E.
- On Monday, February 6th a faculty meeting was held to discuss certain student situations.
- On Wednesday, February 8th the math department met for their monthly meeting.
- On Thursday, February 9th the School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: TRS-IA results, math scheduling, NEXUS, special education, planning for upcoming events, and strategic planning homework.
- On Monday, February 13th during our SIP day teachers met for IAR trainings, discuss Interim Assessment Data, and the SEL Curriculum Group met.
- On Thursday, February 16th, grade level teams met to discuss students and plan for future events.

PBIS:

- On Monday, January 23rd, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Caidie Phelps and Scott Willstead
 - 6th Grade- Parker Zimmerly and Erika Decker

- 7th Grade- Addison Blaine and Channing Bellows
- 8th Grade- Ty Florschuetz and Henry Nichols
- P.E.- Cooper Fox and Jason Hemmen
- Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Payton Angermeier, Amelia Nichols, Owen Eisenberg, Brynleigh Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, Estella Zambrano, Amylia Bump, Michael Ackert, Callan Christoffersen, Mia Quintana, Alyx Shepard, Jaxon Hudson, Annabelle Leffelman, Scott Willstead, Landon Carter, Lane Goff, Adelyn Kreiser, and Carli Grennan.

School Activities:

- On January 23rd we held our school spelling bee and our school winner was Parker Zimmerly. Parker will be competing in the regional spelling bee on Thursday, February 16th at Dixon High School.
- On Saturday, February 11th the AJHS girls basketball program hosted their 7th and 8th grade basketball tournament. The 7th grade finished _____ and the 8th grade finished _____.
- The AHS and AJHS kilns have been given an update.
- On Thursday, February 2nd Jostens was here for 8th grade promotion gown fitting.
- On Thursday, January 23rd the math department hosted our first family math night at AJHS.
- On Friday, February 10th the AJHS Student Council hosted a Valentine's Dance in the cafeteria.



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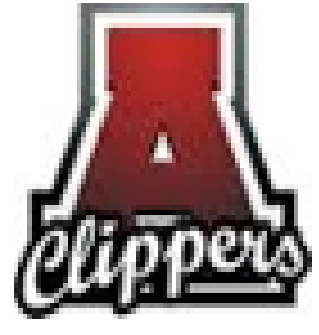
- Student of the Month was Garrett Pertell.
- January 30 the kiln in the art room was tuned up by Chicago Kiln Service.
- February 3rd, Emma Dinges and Ethan Pratt spoke to members of ROE 47, AITC and the Lee County Farm Bureau about their SAE's and answered questions about FFA and their experiences in agriculture.
- FFA Members Sam Nauman, Natalie Pratt, Grace Althaus, Anna Carlson, Brysen Full, Dillon Merriman, and Tyler Huggins attended the Ground Zero Conference at Western Illinois University on February 3rd and 4th.
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School Activities

- Western Illinois University, UW Platteville, Army National Guard, and Marines have been here during lunch hours to speak with students.
- Homeroom Material
 - SEL lessons this month focus on how to respond to peer pressures of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs.
 - Students completed the 5 essentials survey the week of January 31st.
 - Students completed a Bike Safety Quiz through Ride Illinois the week of February 6th.
 - Students completed the Illinois Youth Survey the week of February 13th.
- SIP Day was held on January 23rd with Harvie Herrington presenting on overcoming obstacles and working towards your goals. Students also participated in breakout sessions with Freshmen and sophomores learning about meditation, digital safety, black history month, and library resources. Juniors and seniors worked on resume writing or scholarship applications.
 - Clipper PRIDE awards were given out on January 23rd to Kayden Hall, Victor Lopez-Belmontes, Alena Shaw, Kenley Wilson, Hanna Jones, Elizabeth Clarida, Grace Althaus, Bradley Schmidt, Alexis Ketchum, Landon Whelchel, Lily Montantes, Addison Shaw, Landon Roath
 - Teacher Shout Out: Mr. Prusator



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B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Drug & Alcohol Testing Services Quote
6. Action: Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement
7. Action: Executive Session
8. Action: Return to Open Session
9. Action: Student Discipline
10. Action: Personnel
11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment