

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

Thursday, March 23, 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
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 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, Yvonne Vicks, Jessica Meusel, Mallory Wolf, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Joyce Schamberger.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Katie Pratt handed out a Strategic Planning Template and highlighted on the Priority Areas, SMART Goals, and Aligned Values. It also contained questions like what does this goal look like when fully implemented, what strategies are currently being implemented in school improvement plans, what additional strategies may be considered, and how will we monitor this goal in the priority area.

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

- Minutes of the January 19, 2023, open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 5, 2021 & August 24, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that 92% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$337,706 in sales tax revenue has been received. This is about 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 55% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 57% this fiscal year which is being mostly operating fund's expenditures because of the projects.

A motion was made by Leffelman 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 curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities.

Superintendent Nichols gave an update on maintenance items that have needed attention from the construction project. The new curtains have been installed in the auditorium. FOIA requests received since the last meeting: 1) Illinois Retired Teachers and 2) Josiah Chatterton, Local Labs.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to accept the quote from OSF Saint Paul Medical Center, Mendota, IL, for drug and alcohol testing services, as presented. They have been conducting the required drug and alcohol testing and Superintendent Nichols recommends continuing with them. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Education of Amboy CUSD 272, the Board of Education of Ohio CHSD 505, and the Board of Education of LaMoille CHSD 303 to consolidate baseball, softball, and girls' basketball for grades 9-12 for the 2023-2024 and 2024-2025 school years, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:53 p.m., a motion was made by Leffelman 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; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:48 p.m., a motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Leffelman to approve the suspensions of students 2-16-23-1 through 2-16-23-28, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to accept and approve the following personnel: the retirement resignation of Kelly Foster, according to the Early Retirement Incentive of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year; the retirement resignation of Doris Levan, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year; the resignation of Jessica Arellano as Math Teacher at the High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year; the verbal resignation of Brittany Karrow as Custodian, effective January 20, 2023; the contract of Jessica Meusel as Central Elementary School Principal from July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2026, as presented; the employment of Reaine Wilson as Spanish Teacher at the High School, effective for the 2023-2024 school year; and George Schwamberger as After School Behind the Wheel Instructor. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming Dates: School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 4, 2023-9:00 a.m.-Junior High Cafeteria
Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, March 23, 2023, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:52 p.m. by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2023-2024 IHSA Membership Renewal
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. 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
March 23rd, 2023
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, March 1st the following departments met: P.E., Science, and Social Studies.
- On Monday, March 6th a faculty meeting was held to give schedule updates for the upcoming days.
- On Wednesday, March 8th the math department met.
- On Thursday, March 9th the SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: TRS-IA results, SEL Curriculum, NEXUS Referrals, Scheduling, LRIA planning, Summer Scheduling, and Strategic Plan Homework.
- On Monday, March 13th during the afternoon of our SIP Day teachers had a training on cybersecurity. Paraprofessionals met with Shauna Dinges from the ROE to discuss their role in accommodations for assessments. The SEL curriculum group met to discuss a new SEL curriculum. A faculty meeting was held to cover any last-minute details for IAR/ISA testing.

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PBIS:

- On Monday, February 13th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Blake Mumm and Abel Mumm
 - 6th Grade- Cooper Welch and Delaney Cook
 - 7th Grade- Aden Spinelli and Gianna Dempsey
 - 8th Grade- Aaron Costner and Gage Mumm
 - P.E.- Zoey Zambrano and Bryson Deery
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Liam Ketchum, Levi Atkinson, Kalob Bonnell, Savannah Cagle, Amelia Cook, Bricen Davis, Kylie Vaupel, Kendyll

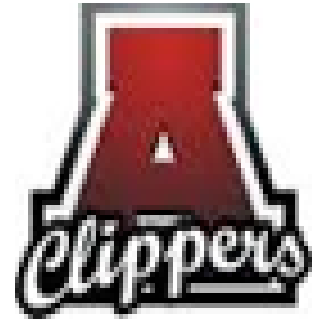
Whitney, Jacob Wittenauer, Oliver Jones, Scarlett Payne, Addison Blaine, Lila Rieskamp, Brandon Campiran, Aaron Costner, Colt McCoy, Carter Phelps, and Amelia Nichols.

School Activities:

- Monday, February 27th the ELA Department held ELA Glow Night.
- On Tuesday, March 7th the 5th/6th grade girls basketball team were crowned RRVC champions winning the conference tournament.
- On Thursday, March 9th the 7th/8th grade girls basketball team finished their season with a 3rd place victory in RRVC tournament.
- On Thursday, March 9th Parker Zimmerly competed at the Regional Spelling Bee and finished in 4th place.
- On Monday, March 13th our annual tornado drill was held.
- Track and Field started practice on Tuesday, March 14th with the coaches being Mr. Brad Dunlap and Ms. Katie Krogman. There are about 75 students participating.
- During the week of March 13th students at AJHS completed the IAR and ISA tests.
- During the week of March 20th students who missed days the previous week did make-up tests for the IAR and ISA.
- On Friday, March 17th the 7th grade went to Medieval times for their field trip.
- On Friday, March 24th the entire school went to the Sterling Theater for our 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration. Students received a small water and small popcorn along with the movie. Students that did not received any negative referrals/discipline during the 3rd quarter received a Buffalo Chip from Dairy Delite.



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Charlie Dickinson.
- The week of February 20th was FFA week. The key events during FFA week were the petting zoo, the teacher appreciation breakfast, and the FFA member lunch in the Ag room.
- Late February we found out that Mason Ely & Lauren Althaus (2022 graduates) were recommended by the state FFA to receive their American FFA Degrees.
- On March 3rd Mr. Heavner took a group of girls to Galesburg for the Women Changing the Face of Agriculture conference. Attending was Grace Althaus, Anna Carlson, Emma Dinges, Karagen Welch, and Kaitlyn Dempsey. It focused on career paths in agriculture & networking opportunities that are available to young women.
- On March 4th the FFA alumni had their trivia night and they were able to raise over \$7,000.
- On March 8th FFA members won their categories for their record books at the district level and will advance to the state event on March 25.
 - Ethan Pratt - Fiber/oil crop production
 - Brysen Full - small animal production
- March 16th the FFA competed in the Section 2 parliamentary procedure contest.
- On March 15th, juniors completed the Illinois Science Assessment.

School Activities

- Air Force, SVCC, and Educators of Beauty have been here during lunch hours to speak with students.



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



- Homeroom Material
 - Students had time to work on missing work and get grades caught up before the end of the semester.

- SIP Day was held on February 13 with presenters coming in for our Adulting Day.
 - Clipper PRIDE awards were given out to Javion Greene, Jackson Lemmer, Jersey Thomas, Devyn Pasley, AJ Fisher, Andrew Scott, Gloria Parker, Anna Carlson, Micah Miller, Landon Roath, Brennan Blaine, Alaina Shaw, Courtney Ortgiesen, Adrian Mimini, Jarrett Althaus, Zach Dunne, and James Curl
 - Teacher Shout Out: Mrs. Whitman

- SIP Day was held on March 13 with March Madness being the theme. Students participated in a Knock out tournament, completed March Madness NCAA brackets, and made a tower out of newspaper and masking tape that is strong enough to hold a basketball. Students were then able to play games and enjoy each other's company. Lee County Deputy Coward and Amboy Office Smith spoke to the students about distracted driving and making good choices when behind the wheel of a car. The Marines brought over an obstacle course.
 - Winner of Knock out was Landon Whelchel
 - Winners of the newspaper tower were: Aden Albee, Kain Ketchum and Phillip Stewart had the strongest tower. Brad Schmidt, Landon Roath, Tucker Birgen and Olivia Ketchum had the tallest tower.
 - Clipper PRIDE awards were given out to Ethan Pratt, Kimber Zitelman, Alexis Cheever, Vanessa Alleven, Natalie Pratt, Blerta Fekolli, Olivia Ketchum, Kiera Karlson, Bella Yanos, Caden Hummel, Trey Payne, Cierra Kessel.
 - Staff Shout Out: Mr. Prusator

- March 10th, 11th, and 12th the cast, crew, and pit did a great job on their performances of "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels." Congratulations to all students, staff, parents, and community members who worked so hard preparing for this musical.

- Baseball, softball and track have all started this week.

Amboy Central School
Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
March 2023

PBIS:

- Starfish of the Week certificates were handed out. Third Quarter PBIS Celebrations will be held April 14th with a trip to the theater in Princeton.

School Improvement:

- On April 5th, Mrs. Ashley Dunlap organized a Family Literacy Night for Central School families. This event is free.

School Activities:

- Report cards will go out on March 17th.
- March 5th was the PTC drive through Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Thank you to everyone who made this a successful fundraiser. There were 1453 meals served that morning!
- On Monday, March 6th 161 students were guests at the Principal's Breakfast. All students who sold 10+ tickets earned a ticket to the breakfast. Thank you to Supt. Nichols and the central kitchen for helping that morning!
- Spring parties will be held on Friday, March 24th at 2:30p.m.
- On March 24th those students who made their reading goals for the month of March will be rewarded with "Under the Sea" games during their specials' classes.
- March 15th– Severe Weather drill; all mandated drills are completed
- April 4 & 6 –Preschool screenings- call for an appointment
- Spring Concert is April 25th at Amboy High School gym at 6:30p.m.
- Central School has three student teachers. Please welcome Katie Krogman in Mrs. Dunlap's fourth grade classroom, and Rebecca Kaufman is student teaching in Preschool and First grade.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2023-2024 School Calendar
6. Action: Maintenance Building Roof Bid
7. Action: Helm Electric Revised Contract
8. Action: General Contractor for Demolition Bid
9. Action: Chromebooks Quotes
10. Action: Executive Session
11. Action: Return to Open Session
12. Action: Student Discipline
13. Action: Personnel
14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment