

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

Thursday, April 20, 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 RETREAT OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SATURDAY, MARCH 4, 2023 AT 9:00 A.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

Board of Education Retreat was called to order at 9:02 a.m. Nicole Jones, Nichole Stenzel, Elsa Payne, Katie Pratt, Rory White, Mandy Powers, and Jason Leffelman present. Also present: Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, Katie Bulfer, and Rob Riley.

Financial presentation was given by Elizabeth Hennessy from Raymond James.

Elizabeth left the meeting at 9:27.

Mr. Nichols and Rob Riley gave the Transportation Report.

- 7 buses coming off lease.
- Planning for activity bus and Special Ed bus
- ECE route could lease a smaller bus. Would also be equipped with built in car seats.
- Mr. Nichols was able to test drive an electric bus
- Pratt asked Mr. Riley if there was anything he was needing at the bus garage. Riley stated he has everything he needs.
- Working to move the bus parking over to the bus garage area to have everything in one central location.

Rob left the meeting at 9:34

Mr. Nichols presented the Technology Report on behalf of Amy and Phil:

- Bus Wi-Fi project is complete
- Vape sensors were added to high school restrooms
- Bus garage internet service replaced with Comcast. Will be adding security camera to monitor parking area.
- Small server upgrade will be done over the summer. This will keep Windows current and correct an issue with time synchronization for the bell system.
- Adding MAMF to better manage settings and apps on iPads and eventually Macs in the district
- 131 chromebooks coming off lease.
- Received 782 help desk tickets since July 2022. Most for Chromebook issues. 22 tickets currently open.

Mr. Nichols reviewed Operations and Maintenance Reports:

- All A list items on Health Life Safety list completed
- Still working through "teething" problems at new Junior High
- Have been waiting 9 months and counting for a part for pump
- at Central, window replacement is a bigger ticket item.
- abate asbestos flooring
- start considering replacing boilers at Central
- \$67,000 to remove panel from old fine arts building to bus garage. Estimating \$270,000 for entire job of moving bus parking to one central location. Nichols stated we have the funds to do the project. Board agreed to pursue with moving buses to central location at the bus garage. Nichols will have formal approval at next board meeting but has authorization to begin lining up project.

Mrs. Crownhart reviewed High School Athletics Report

- would like to make sure all coaching positions are filled
- discussions will be had on whether to continue the Girls Basketball Holiday Tournament. Continue to lose money hosting the tournament.

Mr. Full reviewed the Jr. High Athletics Report

- Would like to administer an Athletic Code of Conduct similar to the high school Athletic Code
- discussed the first year after being in the new conference

Break 10:04 - 10:15

Mrs. Schamberger started Principal Presentations with Central.

- Reviewed Central School Winter Data, Math and ELA, Social and Emotional Supports, how SEL is taught and how often, Central School schedule for 23-24 school year.
- Schamberger made the comment that Jenny Shafer has asked to move back to the classroom and out of RTI. Mr. Nichols added we may have to decide if 3 Kindergarten teachers will be needed for next school year.
- Schamberger also reviewed Central extra-curriculars: Art Club, Young Authors, Science Club

Mr. Full and Mrs. Bulfer reviewed reports for Amboy Junior High.

- Mr. Full reviewed IAR Math ELA trends, curriculums (Social Studied does not have a curriculum), SIP teams Priority Areas and Strategies for 22-23, Curriculum assessment and instruction, SEL, Special Education, RTI, and Social and Emotional supports.

Mrs. Bulfer reviewed retention and Summer School

- As of 3/1, 9 students would be retained if school ended today.

0- 5th grade, 1- 6th grade, 1- 7th grade, 7- 8th grade

- Summer school: 7 students need ELA, 7 students need Math, 1 student needs APEX Science
- Mrs. Crownhart added she foresees 3-5 years down the road needing to set up an alternative classroom for APEX classes, and needing a teacher for that classroom.

Bulfer reviewed discipline- AHS and AJHS logged referrals

- Mr. Full stated he would like to see vape sensors added to the junior high bathrooms
- Crownhart added she would like to see vape sensors in the remaining bathrooms and locker rooms
- Needing roughly 12 sensors between high school and junior high.
- Vape sensors have a \$250 maintenance fee per year, per sensor.
- Full would also like to ban permanent markers to help cut down on vandalism in locker rooms and bathrooms.

Bulfer reviewed attendance in high school and junior high.

- AHS has had 67 students that have missed 10+ days of school. AJHS has 47 students that have missed 10+ days of school.

Mrs. Crownhart began her presentation with high school ELA and Math proficiency. She also reviewed PSAT/SAT from April 22' and compared to where students are at this year.

- Reviewed new curriculum in Math and ELA. She noted that teachers are more comfortable with the curriculum this year than they were last year.
- Reviewed College and Career Ready/Life Ready: SIP for college and career fairs in September, Adulting 101, 21st Century Ready, Homeroom time, and colleges over the lunch hour.
- Reviewed academic opportunities- AP classes, Sauk classes, WACC, Co-op
- There are 63 students currently interested in Whiteside next year. Cuts will need to be made.
- Crownhart will review attendance, discipline, grades to help weed out students.
- Reviewed Pathways work: Education, Manufacturing, Agriculture, Medical
- Reviewed Student Engagement and Social Emotional Supports

Crownhart reviewed what all 3 schools need:

- Positions filled. Too many open positions

- Time. To connect with students and fill gaps in learning
- Support and Encouragement for staff, students, and parents

Break 11:47-11:55

Mr. Nichols presented State of the District Report

Reviewed the following: Enrollment trends (stable), local district comparison, current revenue and expenditures (currently 7% under budget), fund balance trend, per student spending, assessment results, ISBE's ESSA goal.

Reviewed future for buildings and grounds

-preschool playground, AJHS demo, high school track and tennis courts, high school greenhouse, high school parking lot, Central School windows and doors, high school auditorium.

Reviewed financials going forward:

- Concerns: Pension cost shifts

- Opportunities- fund balances/reserves, investment opportunities, young staff

- Since 2008 enrollment decline by 309. State-aid fell by 68%.

- ESSER III: one-time Federal Funding is running out FY 24-25

- ECE Preschool at AFC= \$78,612 plus transportation last year.

Reviewed going forward after COVID.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 12:25 pm. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 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, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Elizabeth Ortgiesen, Angie Dallam, Drew Montavon, Michael Olson, Anna Willis, Patrick Bodmer, Callie Bodmer, Brock Decker, Amber Decker, Josie Vivian, Michele Rhodenbaugh, Lindsay Daniels, Jeremy Blaine, Jessica Blaine, Grace Burkart, Robin Lovgren, Katie Henkel, Nick Brokaw, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger and Jenny Apple.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Sixth grade students presented a proposed project, "Operation Hoist the Flag". The project consists of four designs. Each design includes a flagpole and flag, concrete, lights, and sign. that included four different options. Kaitlyn Ortgiesen expressed her concerns about incidents with students as a substitute teacher and lack of discipline at the junior high school. Yvonne Vicks presented 5th-8th grade winter RtI and STAR percentile data and LRIA Approached Expectations.

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

- Minutes of the February 22, 2023, open & closed regular board meetings;
- 2023-2024 IHSA membership renewal; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 23, 2021.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 95% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$385,810 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 65% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 62% this fiscal year. The operating funds are where it was anticipated them being with roughly 66% of the school year completed.

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

Principals Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, and Joyce Schamberger reviewed the month's curriculum and school improvement, school activities, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols discussed the following:

- New security camera installed on the outside of bus garage.
- Abatement was completed at the old junior high building. Next step is to get that information to the IDPH, have utilities disconnected, and meet with the Regional Office of Education prior to demolition.
- The only FOIA request received for the month was from Smart Procure. They requested all current employee staff contact information. The request was done in a timely manner.

The first reading of the 2023-2024 school calendar was received. This is similar to this year's calendar but the calendar committee has been asked to review the number of School Improvement Days and the possibility of moving a few dates around.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to accept the bid from Sterling Commercial Roofing, Inc. for roof work on the maintenance building, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to approve the revised contract of Helm Electric, as presented. This would relocate the bus parking to the bus garage. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to accept the bid from Fowler as General Contractor for the demolition of the old junior high building, as presented. Fowler bid on the previous general contractor bid package as well. This is for all the additional work to prep the bus lot at the bus garage. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Pratt to approve the quotes from CDW for 131 Dell Chromebooks and from ITsavvy LLC for the warranty, as presented. There are 131 chromebooks coming off warranty and recommend moving forward with Dell devices. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:01 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel 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 8:52 p.m., a motion was made by Powers 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 3-23-23-1 through 3-23-23-42, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to accept and approve the following personnel: the retirement resignation of Kenneth Willey as Maintenance Director, effective May 31, 2023; the retirement resignation of Laura Hubbell as Lunchroom Supervisor, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year; the resignation of Jackie Schrader as Math Teacher at the Junior High, effective at the conclusion of the 2022-2023 school year; tenure contracts to fourth-year probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to tenured teachers, as presented; contract renewals to non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to support staff, as presented; the employment of summer cleaning help, as presented in the maintenance report; and Sam Jones as Fresh/Soph Softball Coach. Motion carried with five yea votes. Powers and Stenzel abstained.

President Jones announced upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, April 20, 2023, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adjourn at 8:54 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____

- B. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Seating of New Board Members
 - A. Proclamation of Election
 - B. Oath of Office
- 4. Brief Reception for Nicole Jones and Jason Leffelman
- 5. School Board Reorganization
 - A. President Pro Tempore
 - B. Election of Officers
- 6. Seating of Appointed Board Members
- 7. Action: School Board Meeting Dates
- 8. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 9. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Adrian Marquez.
- Section 2 FFA held its public speaking contests on March 22. All top two finishers advance to the district contests in April. Congratulations to these members for their hard work! Members placed as follows:
 - Creed Speaking - Grace Althaus 2nd place
 - Creed Speaking - Anna Carlson 3rd place
 - Prepared Speech - Emma Dinges 2nd place
 - Extemp Speech- Kelton Schwamberger 1st place
 - Extemp Speech- Natalie Pratt 3rd place
 - Job Interview - Kelton Schwamberger 2nd place
- FFA Parliamentary Procedure team is advancing to state on May 4th. They completed on April 5th and placed 2nd overall in the district for the 3rd year in a row. Team members include: Kelton Schwamberger, Natalie Pratt, Brysen Full, Emma Dinges, Kenley Wilson, and Tyler Huggins.
- On April 12th, Kain Ketchum placed 3rd in the individual small engines category of the ag mechanics contest
- The Greenhand Quizbowl team placed 1st in their contest on April 12th. Greenhand quizbowl participants are Anna Carlson, Grace Althaus, Devyn Cheever and Kaitlyn Dempsey. They will be competing at the state FFA competition this summer.

School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Students had time to work on missing work and get grades caught up before the end of the semester.
 - Completed a survey to pick their community service placement for the April SIP day
 - Completed the pre-registration for PSAT/SAT testing



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- Representatives from St. Ambrose and Miss Amboy were here to speak to students.
- Students took the SAT, PSAT10, and PSAT9 on April 12th.

Looking Ahead

- Community service day for the April 17 SIP day
- Prom - May 13
- Last day for students to turn in community service forms for this semester is May 12.
- Final Exams - May 23, 24, 25
- Baccalaureate - May 24th at 7pm at St. Patrick Church
- Honor's Night - May 25th at 7pm in the AHS auditorium
- Graduation - May 28th at 2pm in the AHS gymnasium

Amboy School PreK-4

Principal Report
Joyce Schamberger
April 2023

School Improvement:

- Illinois Assessment of Readiness testing for grades 3& 4 have been completed.
- Preschool Screenings were held April 4 & 6. There are 23 spots for preschoolers.
- Kindergarten registration for the 2023-24 school year is open.

PBIS:

- Fourth Quarter PBIS Incentive for Central School will celebrate the end of the school year by walking down to Dairy Delite for a treat. This is paid for by Central PTC. Students will walk down on May 25th the last student attendance day.
- Third Quarter PBIS celebration will be on April 14. Students will be watching the new movie “The Super Mario Brothers” at the Princeton Theater.

School Activities:

- Congratulations to Mrs. Ashley Dunlap and team for planning a successful Literacy Night on April 5th. Thank you to all of the Central School teachers who gave assistance to make this successful.
- Central School PTC held a Prep, Freeze, Cook fundraiser. Meal pickup was April 26th.
- PTC is planning a Muffins with Mom Breakfast on Wed. May 10th on the blacktop parking lot in the back of the school. This will be similar to the Donuts with Dad Breakfast. Serving begins from 7:30a.m. – 8:00a.m.
- We will also celebrate the end of the year with a track and field day on May 24th. Mr. Chris Payne will be planning the activities for the students.
- On April 25th Central School will hold their Spring Concert at Amboy High School gymnasium.
- On April 26th, Central School will participate in the NED Show.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
April 20th, 2023**
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, April 5th the Science, Soc. St., and P.E. departments held team meetings.
- On Wednesday, April 12th the Math department held their monthly team meeting.
- On Thursday, April 13th the SIP team met and discussed the following subjects: TRS-IA action planning, Special Education, LRIA, scheduling, and summer planning.
- On Monday, April 17th during our SIP day afternoon teachers from AJHS met and Amie Wiseman came in to discuss yearly tech. subscriptions.
- On Tuesday, April 18th the Math and ELA teachers met to discuss standards to be tested on Spring Benchmarking for the LRIA.
- On Wednesday, April 19th the ELA department met for their monthly meeting.

PBIS:

- On Monday, March 13th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Bailey Wittenauer and Cooper Fox
 - 6th Grade- Brock Olson and Sophya Fonderoli
 - 7th Grade- Gabby Miller and Ella Noble
 - 8th Grade- Lainey Davis and Jake Dinges
 - P.E.- Charlie Schoenholz and Takota Brockhum
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Haylee Albee, Madison Althaus, Hope Lauzon, Alexa McKendry, Gavin Nichols, Gabby Miller, Mallory Bodmer, Ian Hassler, Izzy Klein, Amiyah Villarreal, Charley Henkel, Mackenzie

Pollock, Kendyll Whitney, Avery Wittenauer, Jayce Hermeyer, Abbi Fox, and Isabella Rosentreter.

- Staff Shout-Out Winners- Arly Kaecker and Sara Krabbenhoeft

School Activities:

- On Wednesday, April 5th the 6th grade students went on their field trip to _____.
- On Thursday, April 6th the 8th grade students went on their field trip to Springfield, IL.
- On Wednesday, April 12th the AJHS Science Department held their family science night.
- On Thursday, April 20th Spring Sports/Activity pictures were taken.
- On Friday, April 21st the 5th grade students went out the 4-H Center for the Ag. Expo.
- On Saturday, April 22nd AJHS hosted their annual track and field invite. 12 teams participated.

Upcoming Dates:

- Friday, April 28th through Friday, May 5th- District Wide Art Show (AHS Mall Area)
- Sunday, April 30th- Fine Arts Awards Show (5:00-7:00 PM)
- Wednesday, May 3rd- 8th Grade to WACC 12:30-2:00 (leave at 11:45)
- Thursday, May 4th- 7th Grade Field Trip
- Friday, May 19th- VIP Day from 2:15-3:15 (similar to last year)
- Monday, May 22nd- SIP Day, Goofy Games, Grade Posting
- Tuesday, May 23rd- 4th Quarter Celebration to Woodhaven (same as last year)
- Wednesday, May 24th- 8th grade night from 3:00 to 8:00 PM for those students being promoted
 - o Rain date for Woodhaven
- Thursday, May 25th- Awards Assembly @ 9:00 and 8th Grade Promotion Practice
- Friday, May 26th- Teachers' Institute
 - o 8th Grade Promotion @ 7:00 PM

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

10. Discussion: First Reading of the 2023-2024 Fee Schedule
11. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
12. Action: 2023-2024 IESA Registration
13. Action: 2023-2024 School Calendar
14. Action: Executive Session
15. Action: Return to Open Session
16. Action: Student Discipline
17. Action: Early Graduation
18. Action: Personnel
19. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment