

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

Tuesday, September 19, 2023  
6:30 PM

Central School Gym  
30 E Provost Street  
Amboy, IL 61310

**REGULAR MEETING AGENDA**

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
  - A. Roll Call
  - B. Action: Public Hearing on 2023-2024 Budget
  - C. Open Forum
  - D. Board Committee Reports
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, AUGUST 17, 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, George Howe, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt started the meeting off by reading the Mission of the district: 'To provide a safe environment for ALL people where we educate the whole person to reach individual potential through purposeful education and community partnerships.'

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Yvonne Vicks presented the May 2023 Junior High STAR, LRIA and IAR data.

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

- Minutes of the July 20, 2023, open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated February 22, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 35% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$0 in sales tax revenue. The district has used roughly 11% this fiscal year.

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

Principals Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel summarized their presented report of school activities, curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols gave updates on the following: 1) Cameras at Central School playground. 2) Demolition is continuing at old Junior High. 3) All air conditioning units working. 4) There were no FOIA requests to report. 5) Section 4: Operational Services and Section 2: Board Process Policies of the Illinois Association of School Boards policies have been reviewed with only one minor change that was corrected. Section 6: Instruction is the next to review.

At 7:13 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to move to executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:38 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to accept the resignation of Rebecca Curl as Assistant Head Cook at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the following personnel, pending Successful Criminal Background Checks, Proper Licensure, and submission of Pre-Employment Requirements: Cara Milewski as Math Interventionist at Central School, Tyson Powers as Business Education Teacher at the High School, Haylie Barrera as Special Education Teacher at Central School, all effective August 11, 2023; Janis Ferrera-Dunklau as Special Education Teacher at the High School, effective August 17, 2023; Renee Seloover as Counselor at Central School, effective September 5, 2023; Meghan Clark as Paraprofessional at Central School, effective August 18, 2023; Lori Transou as 6-Hour Cook and Lisa Johnson as 2-Hour Cook, both effective August 15, 2023; and Shannone Nichols as Substitute Van Driver. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Powers.

President Pratt announced upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting - Tuesday, September 19, 2023 – 6:30 p.m. - Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:41 p.m. by Payne and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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Katie Pratt, President

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

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THURSDAY, AUGUST 3, 2023 AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Pratt called the finance meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Superintendent Nichols, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Katie Bulfer.

The floor was opened to the public for comments. Nichole Stenzel discussed that the park board is considering moving the backstop closer to home plate on the baseball field at Amboy City Park that the high school boy's baseball team plays on. This will be an expensive project to redo the lines and fence. She stated that the park board may approach the school to help cover the expense.

Superintendent Nichols presented the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 school year. Nichols thoroughly went through each of the fund accounts. Operating Funds projected deficit spending FY 23 -\$1,745,482. FY 23 operating funds surplus of \$558,010. Operating fund reserves= \$5,463,903. Debt Service= \$1,430,033. Total Budget= \$15,001,095.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to authorize the Administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2023-2024 school year, and further set the 2023-2024 budget hearing for Tuesday, September 19, 2023, 6:30 p.m. at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the contracts of Janet Crownhart as High School Principal, Andrew Full as Junior High School Principal, Jessica Meusel as Central School Principal, and Katie Bulfer as Assistant Principal for the District, all effective from July 1, 2023 through June 30, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the following personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Jennifer Atkinson as Special Education Teacher at Central School, effective August 11, 2023; Chandler Shipman and Grace Wadsworth as Paraprofessionals at Central School, effective August 15, 2023; Kain Ketchum as 240-Day Custodian at Central School, effective August 7, 2023; and Kathy Riley as Substitute Van Driver. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Nichols made the comment that Ketchum is a high school student and will be working after school as a custodian. He is 17 years old.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 6:50 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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Katie Pratt, President

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

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



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

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> the SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: RtI updates, special education eligibility, Illustrative Math implementation, Wit & Wisdom implementation, school improvement days schedule, and 2023-2024 focus.
- Mr. Full attended the IESA Athletic Directors Workshop in Bloomington on Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup>.
- On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> a faculty meeting was held to discuss ELN trainings, SLO's/Observations, Hapara, CrisisGo, and discipline.
- On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup> during our SIP day afternoon the AJHS and AHS faculty/staff heard a presentation about the NEXUS program and went through our annual law enforcement training.
- Mr. Shepard, Ms. Jones, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Henkel made a trip to Paw Paw to observe how they implement the math curriculum.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
  - Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Julius Jones and Emersyn Miller
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Madison Lohmiller and Jack McCoy
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Parker Zimmerly and Laci Daniels
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bella Daly and Faith Fenwick
    - P.E.- Ali Althaus and Norah Shearer
  - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Ethan Farster, Kensley Helm, Greyson Henkel, Julius Jones, Kalob Bonnell, Leah Bonnell, Bricen Davis, Abel Mumm, Amari Aune, Laci Daniels, Sydney Noble, Gianna Dempsey,

Henry Klein, Maddex Moeller, Lila Rieskamp, Addison Bump, and  
Jaron Wittenauer

**School Activities:**

- Congratulations to the 7<sup>th</sup> grade girls volleyball team on placing 3<sup>rd</sup> at the Montmorency 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade tournament.
- Mrs. King will be starting a coding club after school for 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade students.
- Art Club has started and Mrs. Goslin has 12 students participating.
- Unplugged Gamers Club met for the first time September 14<sup>th</sup> and Ms. Vicks had \_\_\_\_\_ participants 7<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade.
- Speech Team has started and Ms. Vicks has

**Amboy Central Elementary School**  
**Principal Report**  
**Jessica Meusel**  
**September 2023**

**School Activities:**

- Students completed STAR testing on August 28 and 29.
- Picture day was a success on September 1.
- We had our Book-It kick off assembly on September 5. Teachers planned a fun and engaging reveal of our school wide goal to earn WONKA week. Smarties of the week were recognized for their excellence.
- The first round of Mrs. Goslin's Drawing Club began on September 7.
- Students and staff dressed up to show school spirit during Homecoming week.
- Second Step social emotional lessons presented by the YWCA began on September 13.
- Thank you to Meusel's Dairy Delite for the September 13 Central PTC fundraiser. 50% of sales from 2-9 p.m. and 100% of sales from 5-6 p.m. were donated to support our school.
- Central PTC has scheduled Donuts with Dad on Wednesday, Oct. 4 from 7:15-8:15 a.m. on the blacktop area by the playground. Coffee, donuts, milk, and juice will be offered as a free will donation. This is open to all VIP's for students from preschool through 4<sup>th</sup> grade.
- We welcomed the following staff to Central School:
  - Renee Selover- Social Worker
  - Angel Warner- Paraprofessional
  - Emily- Lunchroom Assistant

**School Improvement:**

- During our September 11 school improvement day, staff members participated in Crisis Go, Armed Intruder, and Nexxus training.
- Staff participated in a meaningful professional development session with Lani Lawson on our September 18 Institute Day.

**PBIS:**

- September's character trait is courage. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on the importance of courage.
- First grade students visited the Clipper Cart and were able to spend their hard earned Clipper Cash.



**Amoy High School  
Principal's Report  
September 19th, 2023  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Landon Whelchel!!
- During homeroom this month students have been working on the first few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons. Students have watched videos about internal motivation and why grades are important.

### **School Activities**

- School pictures were taken on August 22nd with Picture retakes available on Sept 27th.
- Meet the Clippers was held on August 18th with the introduction of all the fall sports and volleyball and football having scrimmages.
- Homecoming was the week of Sept 10th with Powder Puff football on Sunday the 10th. Seniors won!
  - SIP day Monday, Sept 11th, with students having time to work on skits, hallway decorations and the announcement of the Homecoming court. They also completed an SEL lesson on School spirit and watched a video on the importance of 9/11.
    - Freshmen: Jose Lopez and Morgan Kreiser
    - Sophomores: Micah Miller and Jady Whelchel
    - Juniors: Eddie Jones and Emersyn Noble
    - Seniors: Brennan Blaine, Landon Whelchel, Landon Montavon, Trey Payne, Austin Heath, Liz Clarida, Elly Jones, Lexi Ketchum, Madison O'Malley, and Maeve Larson
  - Tuesday, Sept 12th was the LaMoille Parade, volleyball game, and bonfire.
  - Wednesday, Sept 13th was a home volleyball game vs Milledgeville
  - Thursday, Sept 14th was skit night in the gym at 7pm with the announcement of King and Queen at the end of the evening.
  - Friday, Sept 15th was the Parade starting about 2:30 and then a home football game starting at 7pm with the introduction of the homecoming court and reunion classes starting at 6:30.
  - Saturday, Sept 16th was the high school dance in the AHS Clipper Cove



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**Building Activities**

- September 11th the teachers had their first training on how to use CrisisGo as a means for notifications of unpleasant events. More training will be provided in the near future. Thank you to Lee County Deputy Kellen and Amboy Chief Smith for your help with the trainings.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: Van Quote
- 6. Action: Truck Bid
- 7. Action: Executive Session
- 8. Action: Return to Open Session
- 9. Action: Student Discipline
- 10. Action: Personnel Resignation
- 11. Action: Personnel Hirings
- 12. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment