

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

Thursday, February 15, 2024  
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. Open Forum
  - C. 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, JANUARY 18, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Pratt 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, Megan Bus, Yvonne Vicks, Stacey Dinges, Tina Eller, Dale Eller, Micah Miller, Josh Miller, Rachel Miller, Brooklyn Strub, Scott Strub, Tammy Strub, Liz Clarida, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the permanent transfer of funds. Superintendent Nichols explained that allows us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$120,000) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes. There were no questions or comments from the audience or the board. President Jones declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made Powers and seconded by Stenzel 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.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Stacey Dinges, Pathway Navigator at the Regional Office of Education 47, talked about the benefits of the Education Pathway offered to students. Liz Clarida, Micah Miller and Brooklyn Strub are currently in the Education Pathway program and shared their experience. Dale and Tina Eller expressed their concerns and questions regarding the multiple fundraisers in the district. After much discussion in the room, the Eller's noted that they got more information than anticipated and thanked everyone for the time.

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

- Minutes of the December 14, 2023 open & closed regular board meetings;
- Keep all executive session minutes from April 20, 2023 through September 19, 2023 closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated July 14, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 91% of the anticipated revenue and \$286,533 in sales tax dollars. This represents roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and roughly 46% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 53% this fiscal year. The operating funds expenditures are as anticipated.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel, Janet Crownhart, and Andrew full summarized their presented reports.

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) Central School roof has been replaced. 2) HVAC issues in the High School. 3) Thanked Brian Lampe and James Bulfer for all the snow and ice removal. Nichols continued with sharing one FOIA request. Andrew Goetz requested personnel records on a previous employee. He then went on to remind members that Section 1: School District Organization is the next board policy to review until March meeting.

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

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to approve the Intergovernmental Agreement between the Amboy Community Unit School District #272 and the City of Amboy, as presented. Although the demolition project at the old junior high property is not all the way finished, we can begin having it surveyed and start the process of selling the piece of property to the city. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to approve the lease quote from Midwest Transit Equipment for three (3) 2025 72-passenger school buses, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to accept the bid from Rockford Structures for the secured entrance project at Central School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:52 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers 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 and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:27 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the suspensions of students 1-18-24-1 through 1-18-24-11, as presented. Motion carried with six yea votes. One nay vote by Montavon.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to accept the verbal resignation of Terry Bonnell as Bus Driver, effective December 16, 2023, and the resignations of Jamie Parks as Cafeteria Cook, effective January 31, 2024 and Brad Dunlap as Junior High Boys Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to approve Reaine Wilson as Fresh/Soph Academic Bowl Coach for the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, February 15, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at Central School, Cultivating Connections in Agriculture Program-Friday, March 1, 2024, 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m., at Tetten's Grain, Dixon, and Northwest Division Hybrid Meeting-Wednesday, March 6, 2024, at Stillman Valley or online.

President Pratt thanked everyone and expressed that it was a good meeting.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 8:30 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 High School  
Principal's Report  
February 2024  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Addison Shaw.
- February 1st and 2nd several FFA Members attend the Leadership Conference.
- Mr. Kolton has been working through course selection with students and also hosted a parent night on January 25th for returning students and February 1st for 8th grade parents.
- Scholarship forms and applications are available in the shelves outside the main office or on the website.
- January 27th at Stillman Valley the FFA had Natalie Pratt and Brysen Full interview for their state FFA degrees. Both have been recommended to receive their state ffa degree, the highest membership degree a member may earn while in high school. It takes multiple years of involvement in ag classes, maintaining record books, a high GPA, and at least 25 hours of community service to meet the requirements.
- February 1st & 2nd we attend the Ground Zero conference in Springfield IL. There were approximately 375 9th and 10th grade FFA members from dozens of schools statewide, and they were split into groups of around 15 to meet new people & develop their leadership skills. We sent 7 FFA members, and also sent Emma Dinges as the section 2 president. Emma led one of the groups at the conference.
- February 7th, 6 FFA members competed in proficiency (record book) interviews at Stillman Valley.
  - Natalie Pratt 1st place in ag communications
  - Grace Althaus 1st place in outdoor recreation
  - Emma Dinges 1st place in goat production
  - Brysen Full 2nd place in small animal production
  - Jarrett Althaus 3rd place in beef production
  - Anna Carlson 4th place in food service
- On January 30, Mrs. Crownhart attended a workshop about School Law Updates on Bullying policy.



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**School Activities**

- **Homeroom Material**
  - SEL lessons this month focus on having goals, moving forward, and not making excuses.
  - Students completed the Illinois Youth Survey the week of January 22nd.
  - Students completed the 5 Essentials survey the week of February 5th.
  - Students completed a Bike Safety Quiz through Ride Illinois the week of February 13th.
- AHS has an academic bowl back this year, and they are competing well.



**Amboy Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
February 15th, 2024  
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On January 24<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Meusel, Mrs. Bulfer, Mr. Full, and Ms. Vicks did guided observations with Daniel Velasco from Great Minds. They observed Wit and Wisdom being taught to the following grade levels: 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup>.
- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, January 29<sup>th</sup> to discuss the 5 Essentials, SLO's and Observations.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, February 12<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
  - o Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Kensley Helm and Alex Brown
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Madison Phillips and Mason Payne
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Mallory Bodmer and Tavarius Briar
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Henry Klein and Ella Noble
    - P.E.-
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Chase Rasmussen, Blake Atkinson, Michael Dallam, Brison Fenwick, Aliyah Holtzclaw, McKenna Hood, Gillian Schneider, Kylee Zellhofer, Tavarius Briar, Erika Decker, Kinsley Pogue, Bryden Boyer, Madelyn Clarida, Teagan Payne, and Annabelle Leffelman
  - o Staff Shout-Out Winners- \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_
  - o Grade Level Competition

**School Activities:**

- On February 2nd 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 22<sup>nd</sup> at Dixon High School.
- On Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> the AJHS girls basketball program hosted their 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade basketball tournament. The 7<sup>th</sup> grade finished \_\_\_\_\_ and the 8<sup>th</sup> grade finished \_\_\_\_\_.
- On Wednesday, February 7<sup>th</sup> Jostens was here for 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion gown fitting.
- On Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup> the 5<sup>th</sup> grade class took their field trip to Gizmo's Fun Factory.

**Amboy Central Elementary School**  
**Principal Report**  
**Jessica Meusel**  
**February 2024**

**School Activities:**

- On February 12 we had our school assembly to recognize our smarties of the week, introduce loyalty as our character trait of the month, and update our progress towards the school wide reading goal.
- Students celebrated their 100th day of school on February 2nd! 100 days smarter and stronger!
- Valentine's Day parties were held on February 14th.
- Our family engagement committee is hosting a Family Bingo Night on February 23 at 6:30 p.m. in the gym. Special thanks to Central School PTC for sponsoring the prizes.
- Young Author's Club is being held on Tuesdays from 3:20-4:30 p.m. starting on February 20 and ending on March 22 for interested third and fourth grade students.
- Students who meet their individual reading goal for the month of February will receive a goodie bag to fill with sweet treats to enjoy at school.

**School Improvement:**

- Administrators partnered with our Great Minds Implementation Leader, Daniel Velasco, to build our understanding of Wit and Wisdom best instructional practices. Special thanks to our teaching staff for welcoming us into their classrooms as we worked to identify implementation trends and discuss ways we can support and promote continued development.
- Central School teachers are conducting peer observations with the grade level above and below to pick up new strategies and techniques as we celebrate our strengths and grow together.

**PBIS:**

- February's character trait is loyalty. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on loyalty.
- Our 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration will be held at the Sterling Movie Theater on March 8th. Students will enjoy popcorn and a movie to celebrate their good behavior.

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