

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

Tuesday, March 19, 2024  
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
  - 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, FEBRUARY 15, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.  
CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

President Pratt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present except White. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Katie Henkel, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the meeting by giving notice to the George Mason Gym sign and the Best Elementary School by US News sign.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Junior High Teacher, Katie Henkel, announced that the Junior High is starting a Drama Club and plans for the first play is in the works. There are approximately 40 students involved and inquired about an activity account for funds.

Board Committee Reports: Nichole Stenzel shared that the Amboy Park Board will be reaching out to ask for funds to help with cost of fencing at the baseball field. Elsa Payne announced the date of April 27, 2024 for the Amboy Education Association Wine & Cheese Gala.

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

- Minutes of the January 18, 2024 open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 4, 2022 and August 18, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that 96% of the anticipated revenue has been received for the year and \$335,963 in sales tax revenue. This is about 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 55% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 59% this fiscal year which is mostly operating funds' expenditures.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Brokaw 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 on curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities.

Superintendent Nichols announced that the fence has been installed at the old junior high school property and Willett Hofmann came and surveyed the track. One FOIA request was received from the Illinois Retired Teachers asking for information on this year's retirees. He submitted the information in a timely matter.

At 6:49 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 7:27 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the suspensions of students 2-15-24-1 through 2-15-24-12, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to approve the separation of employment with Emily Tompkins, effective February 7, 2024, and to accept the resignations of Abelardo Sustaita, Jr. as Physical Education Teacher at the High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year and Amy McCoy as Custodian, effective February 8, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

To approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Alicia (Lisa) Hall as Cafeteria Cook at the Junior High and High School, effective February 12, 2024, Amy McCoy as part-time Cafeteria Cook at Central School, effective February 9, 2024, and Al Quest as Bus Driver, effective February 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming Dates:      School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 9, 2024-8:30 a.m.-Junior High School  
                                 Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, March 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:30 p.m. by Payne and seconded by Powers 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: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. 2024-2025 IHSA Membership Renewal
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
  - A. Review of Financial Reports
  - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
  - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
March 11th, 2024**  
Submitted by: Andrew Full

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Wednesday, February 21<sup>st</sup>, the ELA department met after school.
- On Monday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> we held a faculty meeting to discuss IAR testing, 5 Essentials, March SIP Day, and 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Celebration.
- On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> Science, Social Studies, and PE departments met after school.
- On Wednesday, March 13<sup>th</sup> the Math department met after school.
- On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> AJHS faculty and 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers went through the first FastBridge training.
- On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> the K-8 SEL team met to discuss next steps with the SEL curriculums that are being piloted.

**PBIS:**

- On March 11<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- Lilly Dolan and Michael Dallam
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Jaxon Hudson and Leah Bonnell
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Kodie Dempsey and Izzy Klein
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Bryden Boyer and Tinley Whitney
    - P.E.- Gunner Addy Kreiser and Charley Henkel
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Raylai Berogan, Cam Florschuetz, Emerson Gross, Emily Meyers, Jayce Ellis, Thomas Payne, Jacob Wittenauer, Camryn Noble, Natalie Skrzypa, Karona Gall, Ella Noble, Nicho Warner, Cooper Fox, Joivvee Hirsch, Brynleigh Payne, Scarlett Payne, and Parker Williams
  - o Staff Shout-Out Winners- Allison Fox

- Jr. Beta Recognition and Awards
- Girls Basketball
- Grade Level Competition

**School Activities:**

- On Thursday, February 22<sup>nd</sup> Parker Zimmerly represented AJHS at the regional spelling bee and placed 5<sup>th</sup> out of 30 participants.
- On March 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> Mrs. Lindenmeyer took the 8<sup>th</sup> grade Jr. Beta students to attend the National Jr. Beta Convention in Springfield, IL.
- Girls basketball seasons have ended. The 5<sup>th</sup>/6<sup>th</sup> placed 2<sup>nd</sup> in the RRVC tournament and the 7<sup>th</sup>/8<sup>th</sup> grade placed 3<sup>rd</sup>.
- Students took the IAR during the week of March 11<sup>th</sup> and make-ups will be done during the week of March 18<sup>th</sup>.
- On Monday, March 11<sup>th</sup> the student body took the 5 Essentials.
- Track is off and running. The coaches are Reaine Wilson, Allison Fox, and Michael Kolton.

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

**School Activities:**

- On March 4th we held our Central School Assembly to introduce our character trait of the month and review our school wide reading goal.
- On March 6th our preschool and kindergarten families were invited to attend a Family Fun Night hosted by Sydnie Garriott and Mackenzie Garza.
- Read Across America Week was held the week of March 4- March 8. Students participated in several fun reading activities. Each morning we had a guest reader live streamed into our classrooms. Special thanks to Emily Goff, Josh Nichols, Eileen Piper, and Andrew Full for reading.
- The PTC Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Special thanks to our students, teachers, families, community members, and volunteers for all of their hard work!
- Family Bingo Night was well attended and fun for all.
- Students who meet their individual reading goal for the month of March will create a candy themed craft.
- Preschool Screenings are scheduled for March 20 and March 21.
- Kindergarten Screenings will be held at Central School on May 1 and May 3.
- Kindergarten Roundup is on May 7 at 6 p.m. in the Central School gym. Incoming kindergarten students and their families will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten team, tour the school, and finalize paperwork.
- Central School Spring Concert will be held on Wednesday, April 17 at the Amboy High School gym.
- YWCA Body Safety presentations were held the week of March 11.
- Third Quarter report cards will be sent home on March 22.
- Spring parties will be held on March 22 from 2:30-3:00 p.m.

**School Improvement:**

- Staff attended FastBridge training on our March 11 SIP Day. We learned how to navigate the platform and practiced administering benchmark assessments.
- 5 Essentials Survey Update for Central School
  - Students: 100%
  - Staff: 97%
  - Parents: 35%

**PBIS:**

- February's character trait is trustworthiness. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on trust.
- Students enjoyed their 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration at the Sterling Movie Theater on March 8th.



**Amboy High School  
Principal's Report  
March 2024  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Brennan Blaine.
- Feb 20-23 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.
- Kelton Schwamberger and Ethan Pratt (2023 Graduates) will be recommended to receive their American FFA Degrees this November.
- On March 2nd the FFA alumni had their trivia night, and they were able to raise over \$10,000. The current plan is to use those funds for scholarships, to continue upgrading ag shop equipment, and to send FFA members to conferences/conventions.
- On March 6th 3 FFA students attended the district 1 FFA proficiency (record book) interviews.
  - Grace Althaus, outdoor recreation, placed 2nd
  - Emma Dinges, Goat Production, placed 2nd
  - Natalie Pratt, Ag Communications, placed 1st and will advance to state on March 23.
- On February 21st, Mrs Cleary took her Dual-Enrollment Art Appreciation class to The Next Picture Show in Dixon.
- On March 11th, juniors completed the Illinois Science Assessment.
- On March 13th, Mrs. Cleary took 23 students on a field trip to the Figge Art Museum
- On March 15th, Ms Harvey took 5 freshmen students to the Youth Leadership Conference in Rock Falls at the McCormick Event Center.
- Mrs. Dunklau attended an Autism Training on March 5th.
- Mrs. Bulfer attended Administrator Academies on Teacher Evaluations and Student Growth



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### **School Activities**

- **Homeroom Material**
  - Xello lessons for personal strengths, career options, and writing resumes
  - SEL lessons on Dreaming, Making goals, and following through on your dreams/goals
- PowderBuff was held on March 1st, with the Senior class winning, juniors 2nd place, sophomores 3rd place and freshmen 1st. .
- Morp was held the night of March 1st, with about 120 students attending the blacklight dance.
- March 8th, 9th, and 10th, the cast, crew, and pit did a great job on their performances of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee." 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 month.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2024-2025 School Calendar
- 6. Action: Executive Session
- 7. Action: Return to Open Session
- 8. Action: Student Discipline
- 9. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 10. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment