

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

Thursday, April 18, 2024
6:30 PM

Amboy Junior High School
Cafeteria
240 N Metcalf Avenue
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
TUESDAY, MARCH 19, 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, Yvonne Vicks, Lori Cortez, Anna Willis, Maeve Larson, Madison O'Malley, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. High School students, Maeve Larson and Madison O'Malley presented an "Anti-Vaping" power point. They had planned for Lutheran Social Services of Illinois joining them on their project on health by attending and displaying their "Hidden In Plain Sight" exhibit during the Pink Night basketball game but the game was canceled due to weather conditions. Maeve and Madison are currently in the Nursing Pathways program and discussed the benefits as well. Dr. Lori Cortez, from Sauk Valley Community College, provided Amboy specific facts about the Impact Program. This earned tuition program provides opportunities to earn tuition and fees for up to three years or until the certificate or degree is earned. She discussed the qualifications and requirements and asked the board to encourage parents to register their students and employees to promote the program.

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

- Minutes of the February 15, 2024, open & closed regular board meetings;
- 2024-2025 IHSA membership renewal; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 15, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 99% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$382,662 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 65% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 67% of the operating fund this fiscal year.

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

Jessica Meusel, Andrew Full, and Janet Crownhart summarized their Principal reports, as presented. These contain the month's curriculum and school improvement, school activities, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols discussed the following:

- Water leak in the High School.
- Boilers steadily failing at Central School.
- Demolition bids for old junior high building were approved this time last year and that project is now completed.
- There were no FOIA requests to report.
- Facility Naming policy will be voted on at next month's meeting and Board Policy, Section 7: Students is the next to be reviewed.

The first reading of the 2024-2025 school calendar was received. It's similar to this year but moved a School Improvement Day from January to May.

At 7:19 p.m., a motion was made by Montavon 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; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:41 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 Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the suspensions of students 3-19-24-1 through 3-19-24-27, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to accept the retirement resignation from Sharon Hall as Paraprofessional, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year and to accept the resignations from the following: Kain Ketchum as Custodian, effective February 23, 2024, Patty Kuper as Paraprofessional, effective February 27, 2024, Haylie Barrera as Young Author’s Coordinator at Central School, and Noah Hansen as ELA Teacher at the Junior High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year. Motion carried with six yea votes and one nay vote by Montavon.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Mark Montavon as 240-Day Custodian at the High School, effective February 26, 2024, Jennifer Yocum as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective March 16, 2024, Michael Kolton as Junior High Assistant Track Coach, Cara Milewski as Young Author’s Coordinator at Central School, Noah DeLong as Social Studies Teacher at the Junior High, effective the 2024-2025 school year, Cade Sharp as Physical Education Teacher at the High School, effective the 2024-2025 school year, Elizabeth McCullough as 240-Day Custodian at Central School, effective March 15, 2024, Summer Workers, as presented, 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, and contract renewals to support staff, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced that the next regular board meeting is Thursday, April 18, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to adjourn at 7:44 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2024-2025 IESA Registration
- 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 High School
Principal's Report
April 2024
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Elizabeth Clarida.
- April 3rd FFA events- Both teams will advance to the state competition on May 2nd in Peoria.

Parliamentary procedure - 1st place overall team

- 1st place chairperson - Kenley Wilson
- 1st place floor member - Grace Althaus
- 2nd place floor member - Tyler Huggins
- 3rd place floor member - Emma Dinges
- 6th place floor member - Brysen Full
- 9th place floor member - Natalie Pratt
- Team alternate - Anna Carlson

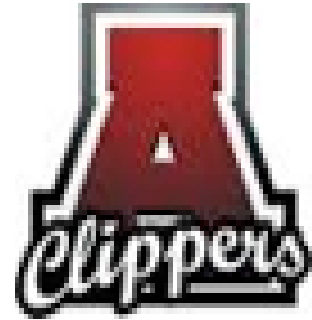
Conduct of Chapter Meetings - 1st place overall team

- 2nd place chairperson - Lili Leffelman
- 1st place floor member - Jake Dinges
- 3rd place floor member - Chase Huggins
- 4th place floor member - Westin Wittenauer
- 6th place floor member - Logan Ketchum
- 8th place floor member - Maddie Althaus
- Team Secretary - Tanner Welch

- March 20th was the Section Public Speaking Contest for FFA
 - 1st place creed speaking - Jake Dinges
 - 1st place extemporaneous speech - Natalie Pratt
 - 3rd place extemporaneous speech - Brysen Full
 - 3rd place prepared speech - Emma Dinges
 - 5th place prepared speech - Grace Althaus



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- On March 21st, Natalie Pratt competed in the Illinois FFA state proficiency interview event. Natalie placed first in ag communications, making her a State Champion! Natalie's project is on her social media work for Agview FS, the Lee Co Fair, and the Illinois Farm Bureau. She will advance to the national contest this fall.
- April 10th 5 first year FFA members competed in the section 2 FFA quizbowl contest. The team of Logan Ketchum, Westin Wittenauer, Chase Huggins, Henry Nichols, and Gavin Nichols placed 1st and qualifies for the state contest in June.
- April 12th Student Council held a blood drive in the AHS gym.
- April 12th the National Guard was here to work with the students during PE.
- April 17th was the Section 2 FFA banquet and officer elections

School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Completed the pre-registration for PSAT/SAT testing
 - SEL Lessons included how to "Finish Strong"
 - Time was given to get caught up on missing work and finishing the year strong
- A representative from St. Ambrose and Educators of Beauty visited during homerooms.
- BINGO night was held by Student Council on April 5th with a silent auction and 50/50 raffle. They made about \$900 with the event and the money will go towards sending students to conventions.
- Students took the SAT, PSAT10, and PSAT9 on April 9th with a make-up date scheduled for April 17th. Student names were put in a drawing for showing effort while taking their tests, winners of the \$10 Casey's gift card are: Carson Barlow, Nathaniel Cordero, Tyrah Vaessen, Karagen Welch, Birgen Tucker, Gavin Eisenberg, Micah Miller, Eriannah Wade, Jasmin Scott, Dakota Beach, Janella Gallagher, Liam Ketchum



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Looking Ahead

- Prom - May 4 @ Post House
- Baccalaureate - May 15th at 7pm at St. Patrick Church
- Honor's Night - May 16th at 7pm in the AHS auditorium
- Graduation - May 19th at 2pm in the AHS gymnasium



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
April 18th, 2024
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Thursday, March 21st the AJHS SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE and discussed the following topics: curriculum implementation, summer dates, summer trainings, SAEBRS Trainings, and focus for next year.
- On Monday, April 8th a faculty meeting was held to discuss the following topic: field trip transportation, being present in the hallways, updating grades, SIP day schedule/planning, and upcoming team times.
- On Monday, April 15th AJHS faculty and 4th grade teachers went through the second FastBridge training.
- On Thursday, April 18th grade level teams met for two class periods during the day to discuss students, plan events, and get ready for the end of the year.
- The AJHS members of the SEL committee has decided to go with the Caring School Community curriculum for the following year.

PBIS:

- On April 15th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Makenna Alletto and Gunner Christoffersen
 - 6th Grade- Teagan Moore and Nolan Scully
 - 7th Grade- Adelynn Kreiser and Sophya Fonderoli
 - 8th Grade- Tyler Mahar and Kilah Helm
 - P.E.- Sydney Noble and Emersyn Noble
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Alexzander Brown, Lilly Dolan, Grace Zambrano, Jaxon Hudson, Rylen Koch, Tommy Steger, Dakota Terzo, Kylie

Vaupel, Leah Dempsey, Kodie Dempsey, Ayla Costner, Jayce Hermeyer, Ian Hassler, Makayla Keefer-Collins, Kayden McCrary, Izzy Klein, Anthony Sus, Mackenzie Alletto, and Charley Henkel.

- Staff Shout-Out Winners-
- March Mammal Madness Winners
- Grade Level Competition

School Activities:

- On Friday, March 22nd, AJHS went to the Apollo Theater in Princeton to watch a movie as their 3rd quarter celebration.
- On Friday, April 5th the 8th grade students went on their field trip to Springfield, IL.
- On Friday, April 12th and Saturday April 13th the AJHS Drama Club performed their play: Law and Order: Nursery Rhyme Unit. Shout out to the cast/crew members, Mrs. Henkel, Mrs. King, and Mr. Hansen on a job well done!
- On Wednesday, April 17th Art, Music, and P.E. held their family night from 5:00-6:30.
- On Friday, April 19th the 5th grade went to the Ag Expo.
- On Saturday, April 20th AJHS hosted our annual track and field invitational. Eleven teams participated.
- On Wednesday, April 24th AJHS hosted IESA Scholastic Bowl Regionals. Six teams competed in the event.
- The beginning band, concert band, and chorus concert will be held on Friday, April 26th.

End of the year dates:

Friday, April 19th - 5th Grade Ag Expo Trip
Friday, April 26th - Band & Chorus Concert 7:30
Wednesday, May 1st - 8th Grade trip to WACC
Friday, May 3rd - 7th Grade Field Trip
Friday, May 3rd - 4th Grade Orientation- 2:00 PM
Friday, May 17th- VIP Day- 2:00 PM
Monday, May 20th - SIP Day (Goofy Games)
Tuesday, May 21st - Woodhaven
Wednesday, May 22nd - Rain Day for Woodhaven
Thursday, May 23rd - 8th Grade Night
Friday, May 24th - 8th Graders last day.

- **Awards Ceremony @ 9 AM**

- **8th Grade Promotion @ 7pm**

Monday, May 27th - No School

Tuesday, May 28th - Last student day for 5th-7th graders

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
April 2024

School Activities:

- Our third and fourth grade students completed IAR testing.
- Students are participating in a Book Blast to earn books for their home libraries.
- April 17 is our Central Elementary School Spring Concert at Amboy High School. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Mid-term reports for third and fourth grade students will be sent home on April 19.
- Students will complete STAR Math and STAR Reading testing on April 22 and April 23.
- On April 8th we held our Central School Assembly to introduce our character trait of the month and review our school wide reading goal.
- Family Literacy Night will be held on Friday, April 19 from 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. at Central School. We have 10 stations for families to enjoy!
- On April 25 our second grade students are going to Brookfield Zoo for their field trip.
- Students who meet their individual reading goal for the month of April will create a candy kabob.
- 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.

School Improvement:

- Staff attended FastBridge training on our April 15 SIP Day. We finished up our benchmark training. Special thanks to the Amboy Education Foundation for providing lunch for our staff. We appreciate you!

PBIS:

- March's character trait is empathy. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on empathy.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2024-2025 Fee Schedule
- 6. Action: School Board Meeting Dates
- 7. Action: 2024-2025 School Calendar
- 8. Action: Mowing Services Bid
- 9. Action: Board Policy 4:152 - Facility Naming
- 10. Action: Water Heater Project Quote
- 11. Action: Executive Session
- 12. Action: Return to Open Session
- 13. Action: Student Discipline
- 14. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 15. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 16. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment