

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

Tuesday, May 21, 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  
THURSDAY, APRIL 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 except Powers. Also present were Yvonne Vicks, Willie Jones, Betsy Jones, Anna Willis, Brandon LaChance, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. Yvonne Vicks presented Junior High STAR assessment and LRIA (Learning Renewal Interim Assessments) percentile comparisons from Spring 2023 to Fall 2024 to Winter 2024. Yvonne continued with Rtl (Response to Intervention) reading and math results.

President Pratt announced that nominations are open for Support Staff Member of the Year and Teacher of the Year. Elsa Payne reminded all of the Wine and Cheese Gala event. Nichole Stenzel asked for an update on the tennis court. Superintendent Nichols replied that he's been asked by a city park representative about turning it into a permanent pickle ball court but the district's future plan is making it into parking.

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

- Minutes of the March 9, 2024 School Board Retreat;
- Minutes of the March 19, 2024 Open & Closed Regular Meetings;
- 2024-2025 IESA Registration; and
- Delete audio recordings dated October 20, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 101% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$430,055 in sales tax revenue. This represents close to 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 74% of the anticipated Evidence Based Funding. The district has used 72% of this fiscal year's budget.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel, Andrew Full and Janet Crownhart summarized their curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities reports, as presented. Meusel added a thank you to Yvonne Vicks and Betsy Jones for their efforts on the junior high testing.

For his report, Superintendent Nichols gave a maintenance update on the preschool playground, the leak in hallway outside of the High School gym, the demolition project is completed, the secured entrance project at Central, and the track project at the High School/Junior High School.

One FOIA request was received from Smart Procure requesting all purchasing and vendor information for the year. Superintendent Nichols responded in a timely manner.

Superintendent Nichols reminded the board that Board Policy, Section 7: Students, is up to review from April to June.

Received first reading of the 2024-2025 fee schedule. The district fees have been held the same for at least the last six years. Total fee revenue this year so far is \$68,369.35.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Brokaw to approve the Board of Education meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the 2024-2025 school calendar, as presented. The only change being made from last year's calendar is moving the January School Improvement Day to May. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the low bid of Turftamers of West Brooklyn, IL for mowing services for a one-year term, as presented. There were two bids with Turftamers being the lowest responsible bidder. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adopt board policy 4:152 – Facility Naming, as presented. Due to the increase in requests, this will help with the decisions. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to approve the quote from John's Service and Sales, LLC for the water heater project in the High School, as presented. This will replace the three units we currently have with just two. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:27 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 8:34 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 4-18-24-1 through 4-18-24-21, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Brokaw to accept the resignations, effective at the conclusion of the 2023-2024 school year: Bryson Prusator as Social Studies Teacher at the High School, Janis Ferrera Dunklau as Special Education Teacher at the High School, Grace Wadsworth as Paraprofessional at Central School, and Angel Warner as Paraprofessional at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Brandi Spreeman as 8<sup>th</sup> Grade ELA Teacher and Ashley Medlin as Social Studies Teacher at the High School, both effective for the 2024-2025 school year.

President Pratt announced the upcoming date:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 21, 2024 – 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 Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:37 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. 2023-2024 Tentative Amended Budget
  - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
  - A. Principal Reports

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

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- On Thursday, May 8<sup>th</sup> the SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: summer trainings, summer meetings, 2024-2025 dates, SEL, social studies, and RtI.
- On Monday, May 13<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> grade teachers met with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for transition meetings.
- On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> teachers were given time for grade posting.
- On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the 6<sup>th</sup> grade teachers met with the 7<sup>th</sup> grade teachers for transition meetings.
- On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> grade special education team met with the 5<sup>th</sup> grade special education team for transition meetings.
- On Wednesday, May 29<sup>th</sup> Jr.High teachers received their first hour of professional development with the new SEL curriculum (Caring School Community).

**PBIS:**

- On May 10<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- Grace Zambrano and Blake Atkinson
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Alexis White, Enrique Lara Alonso, and Kendyll Whitney
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Kenzie Alletto and Shawn Thompson
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Addison Blaine and Caylee Hummel
    - P.E.- Liam McBride and Sydney Noble
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Robert Bowman, Brandon Hanson, Thomas Keene, Makayla Phillips, Taytum Senn, Myla Zambrano, Leah Bonnell, Amelia Kant, Avarie Seier, Hannah Shoemaker, Hannah

- Whitman, Makayla Burt, Brenna Fields, Kolton Greus, Jason Hemmen, Grady McLaughlin, Aden Spinelli, and Lily Yanez.
- Staff Shout-Out Winners- Sara Krabbenhoeft and Belinda Lewis
  - Scholastic Bowl
  - Drama Club

**School Activities:**

- On Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup> the AJHS Scholastic Bowl team placed first at Regionals and competed again on Monday, April 29<sup>th</sup> and placed 2<sup>nd</sup> at Sectionals.
- On Wednesday, May 1<sup>st</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade students went to WACC for a tour.
- On Friday, May 3<sup>rd</sup> the 7<sup>th</sup> grade student went to the Museum of Science and Industry for their field trip.
- On Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> the AJHS Track and Field team competed at Sectionals hosted by Putnam County. Ian Hassler qualified for state in both shot put and discus.
- On Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> and Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup> Ian Hassler competed at the state track and field meet. He places 1<sup>st</sup> in discus and 2<sup>nd</sup> in shot put.
- On Wednesday, May 15<sup>th</sup> the 4<sup>th</sup> grade students came over to the Jr. High to see what a day in the life of a 5<sup>th</sup> grade student is like.
- On Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup> the Jr. High hosted VIP Day. Thank you to Mrs. Jones for organizing this event.
- On Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup> Goofy Games were held.
- On Tuesday, May 21<sup>st</sup> students were taken to Woodhaven for our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter PBIS trip.
- On Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> 8th grade day was held, thank you to PTC for funding this celebration.
- On Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> our yearly awards ceremony was held.
- On Friday, May 24<sup>th</sup> 8<sup>th</sup> grade promotion was held.

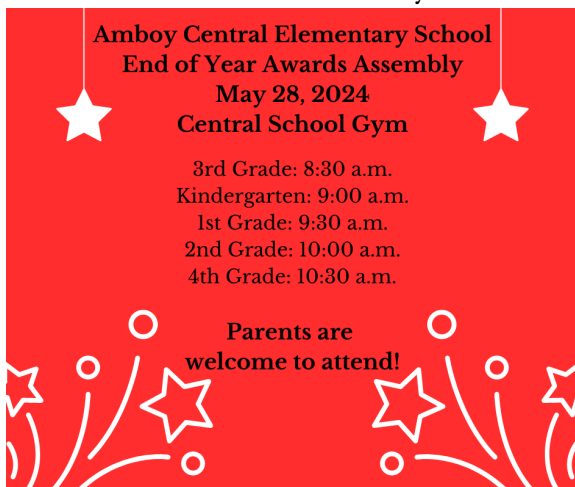
**Amboy Central Elementary School**  
**Principal Report**  
**Jessica Meusel**  
**May 2024**

**School Activities:**

- Congratulations to Paisley Kant and Rudra Patel for receiving IPA Student Leadership Awards.
- Muffins with Moms was a huge success! Thank you PTC!
- Our fourth grade students visited Amboy Junior High School on May 15 to explore the building and meet their new teachers.
- Teachers participated in data meetings on May 15 and 16 to plan for students' needs in the fall.
- On May 16 Amboy High School graduates participated in an honor walk with our morning preschool graduates.
- Wonka Week was held during the week of May 20. Thank you PTC!



- Morning preschool graduation was held on May 21 and afternoon preschool graduation was held on May 22.
- Track and Field Day will be held on May 23. Thank you PTC for the bounce houses and extra fun!
- Our final preschool screening will be held on May 24.
- On May 24 our students were invited to the Amboy Fire Department for an ice cream social. Thank you to our firefighters for making memories with our students!
- May 28 is the last day of student attendance and report card day.
- Our Awards assembly will be held by grade level on May 28 followed by a trip to Dairy Delite for ice cream! Parents are welcome to attend the assembly!



**School Improvement:**

- Our May 20 SIP day was utilized to prepare end of year report cards.

**PBIS:**

- PBIS awards were presented to students for exemplary behavior at our awards assembly.



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



**Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month is Rylyn Karrow
  
- FFA Happenings:
  - We received a gold rating from Illinois for our national chapter award application (which puts us in the top 10-15% of ag programs in the state for that award).
  - The parliamentary procedure team was fourth in the state on May 2nd.
  - Conduct of Chapter meetings team was 3rd in the state on May 2nd.
  - The Greenhand Quiz bowl team placed first in the Section 2 contest.
  - We had 3 FFA members elected to the section 2 officer team for 24-25. They are Natalie Pratt for President, Brysen Full for Vice President, and Grace Althaus for treasurer.
  - Emma Dinges advanced out of the selection committee process and is now one of the final 10 candidates for a major state FFA officer position. The election is in June.
  - Jake Dinges placed 6th in the district creed speaking contest, and Natalie Pratt was 3rd in the district extemporaneous public speaking contest.
  
- On April 19th, 6 students attended the Education Symposium at SVCC. Elizabeth Clarida received her Education Pathway endorsement.
  
- On April 19th, we hosted the Amboy Invitational Art Show. The Art Show featured Amboy, AFC, Milledgeville, and Ohio High Schools artworks. Winners of the art show are:
  - Honorable Mention: Michelle Contreras, Atticus Goff, Hanna Jones, Lexi Moan, Eriannah Wade
  - Third Place: Michelle Contreras, Molly Hassler, Mylee Hochstatter, Gabriel Jones, Amelia Moan, Ellie McLaughlin, Kayla Oury, Eriannah Wade, Brittlyn Whitman
  - Second Place: Michelle Contreras, Rylyn Karrow, Alex Palmer, Aaliyah Pointer, Lyn Topiboon, Karagen Welch
  - First Place: Samm Hummel, Zander Cooter, Carli Grennan(2), Gabriel Jones, Amelia Moan, Lexi Moan, Kayla Oury, Austin Shugars
  - Best of Show 2D: Austin Shugars



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May 2023  
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- On May 6th, 11 Student Council members and Ms. Harvey had a great time at the IASC state convention. They learned a lot and grew as leaders.

**School Activities**

- Homeroom Material
  - Students had time to catch up on missing work and improve their grades before the end of the semester.
- Representatives from the National Guard were here on May 9 to speak with Juniors and seniors.
- Prom was held on May 4th. Approximately 85 students attended. Special thanks to Mrs. Cleary for chairing prom and the junior students and parents who helped to make the event a success.
  - King: Trey Payne
  - Queen: Alexis Ketchum
- Mrs. Crownhart honored Austin Shugars and Emma Dinges at the Northwest Illinois Principals Brunch on May 3rd.
- May 6-10 was Teacher Appreciation Week. Special thanks to the parents who kept us well-fed all week.
  - Monday: Mrs. Crownhart bought lunch from Arthurs Garden Deli
  - Tuesday: Freshmen with Chips and lots of cheese and salsa and soda
  - Wednesday: Sophomores with Buffalo chips from Dairy Delight
  - Thursday: Juniors with Soda and snacks
  - Friday: Seniors with Donuts from Dunkin Donuts
- Baccalaureate was held on May 14th at St. Patrick Church.
- Honor's Night was held on May 16th. Approximately 130 students were honored, and over \$550,000 in scholarships and merit money was earned.
- Graduation practice was held on May 16th, during which the senior did an honor walk with the pre-school graduates at Central.



**Amoy High School  
Principal's Report  
May 2023  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



- Graduation was held on May 19th in the high school gym.
- Final Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be held on May 23, 24, and 28.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2024-2025 Student Handbooks
- 6. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 7. Action: 2024-2025 Fee Schedule
- 8. Action: Preparation of Tentative Budget Resolution
- 9. Action: Carpet Quote
- 10. Action: Library Furniture Quote
- 11. Action: Border and Mulch Quote
- 12. Action: Executive Session
- 13. Action: Return to Open Session
- 14. Action: Student Discipline
- 15. Action: Early Graduation
- 16. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 17. Personnel - Hiring
- 18. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment