

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

Wednesday, August 28, 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, JUNE 20, 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 White. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing for the 2023-2024 amended budget. Superintendent Nichols reviewed the adjustments as discussed at the May meeting when the tentative amended budget was presented. There were no comments from the board and no comments from the public. Pratt declared the public hearing closed. A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the 2023-2024 amended budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened for public comments. Principal Full and Yvonne Vicks presented the Junior High School spring reading and math test data.

Board Committee Reports: Elsa Payne and Superintendent Nichols announced that the football team locker room floor was refinished. Nichols continued with an update on the track and the secured entrance at Central School.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the following consent agenda items, as presented:

- Minutes of the May 21, 2024 open & closed regular Board meetings;
- To keep all executive session minutes from October 19, 2023 through March 19, 2024 closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated December 15, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received 108% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$520,315 in sales tax revenue. Corporate personal property tax revenue was \$497,385. Last year it was \$752,130, and the five-year average is \$368,398. The district has used 85% this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to adopt the resolution authorizing continued summer business operations of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, as presented. This allows the district to expend funds until the 2024-2025 budget is approved, to cover the expenses/bills during July when there is no board meeting, and grants the administration the ability to accept resignations and hire staff during the month of July. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) The fire alarm panel at the High School and Junior High School has been finished. 2) FOIA Requests: Smart Procure asked for and received all our purchase order information. 3) Board Policy Section 7 has been reviewed with no revisions needed.

President Pratt announced that Emma Dinges was elected as the 2024-2025 Illinois FFA Treasurer.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 2024-2025 student handbooks, as presented. These are updated using the Illinois Principals Association’s recommendations to keep compliant with the changes in school laws. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 2024-2025 Consolidated District Plan application, as presented. This is the overall guiding document for the Federal grants (Title I, II & IV) and includes all the rules to follow. The Title grant awards will change once they finalize all of the applications in the state. As of right now, the district’s allocation is down between 21 and 61% less than last year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:18 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel 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 8:03 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to approve the suspensions of students 6-20-24-1 through 6-20-24-3, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to accept the resignations from Robin Lovgren as Science Teacher at the Junior High and Christopher Tidmore as Social Studies Teacher at the High School, both effective May 29, 2024, and to accept the verbal resignation from Elizabeth McCullough as Custodian at Central School, effective June 5, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Powers to approve the following personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Gustavo Kolicheski as Social Studies Teacher at the High School and Greg Wolf as Science Teacher at the Junior High, both effective August 13, 2024; Mark Montavon as Head Custodian at Central School, effective July 1, 2024; Courtney Lewis and Nichole Gross as Paraprofessionals at Central School, and Christopher Grasso as Paraprofessional at the High School, all effective August 15, 2024.

President Pratt announced that there’s no July meeting and the next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 22 at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior High.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

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

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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Year for 2023-2024 was Emma Dinges!
- We have 11 students attending SVCC and then AHS for 4 classes, 2 in the academy at SVCC, 14 co-op & Internship students, 45 attending AHS in the morning then WACC in the afternoon.
- We would like to welcome Gustavo Kolicheski - Social Studies, Ashley Medlin - Social Studies, Melanie Kopriva - English, Cade Sharp - PE, Lexi Hilliker - Agriculture, Michael Rosales - Spanish, Hector Figueroa - Paraprofessional, Pam Morris - Custodian.
- August 1st, Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs Bulfer attended CPI refresher training.
- The following students received The National Recognition Awards through College Board SAT. They are able to print off a certificate. Congratulations to Alexis Cheever, Addison Pertell, Hunter Rasmussen, and Kenley Wilson

School Activities

- Fall sports are underway with football, volleyball, golf and cross-country maintaining their co-op agreements from last year. Marching band, cheer, flags, and dance have been practicing hard as well.
- "Meet the Clippers" will be on August 23rd starting at 5:30 in the HS gym with the volleyball team. Revolution Wellness and "Hidden in Plain Sight" from LSSI will be around as well.

Building Activities



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



- Mr. Wagner and the summer custodial crew once again did a fantastic job preparing the school for the students' return and did a great job of allowing access to as many areas as possible throughout the summer.
- Student Council did a great job hosting the Freshmen/New student orientation on August 13th. Students went through their schedules, made locker signs, played games, and had questions about high school answered.
- The high school will be working on fully implementing the education, manufacturing, nursing and agricultural pathways this school year. All paperwork has been completed with the state, just waiting on approval at this time.
- New teachers met with Mrs. Crownhart a couple times over the summer and on August 12th to get acclimated with the school and how our school year runs.
- Teachers Institute was held on August 13th and 14th. Teachers were trained on SmartPass, Blocks, SAEBRS, and MethodLearning. All new programs that will be a great addition to our learning environment.
- We held the 1st day of school activities on August 15th with Minute-to-Win it games, music, dancing, games, challenges, and goal setting. We also completed our bus evacuation drill. Special thanks to the Student Council Officers, Haleigh Stenzel and Alainie Wittenauer for leading the day and Ms Harvey for helping to organize it.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
August 22nd, 2024
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- Throughout the summer the School Improvement Team has met to discuss the following topics: Scheduling, RtI, 5 Essentials, Significant 48, State Mandates, Special Education, etc...
- New teacher orientation was held on August 12th to welcome new staff members and cover district policies, evaluations, discipline, importance of setting routines, etc...
- Faculty and staff met on August 13th and 14th for Teachers' Institute where various topics were discussed (welcome back, return to school, faculty meetings, Significant 48, discipline, data collection, mandated trainings, SLO's, special education, SEL, etc...)

PBIS:

School Activities:

- 5th-8th grade volleyball has started with the coaches being Lisa Moore, Lindsey Kaleel, Haylie Barrera, and Stacy Noble. We have over 60 girls signed up and practicing.
- Faculty, staff, and students went through the Significant 48 during the first two days of school.
- Thank you to all the summer workers and custodians for making the school look great!

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
August 2024

School Activities:

- Thank you to our custodians and summer crew for their hard work cleaning and refreshing our school. Many new jobs were tackled and the school looks phenomenal! Thank you to our teachers and staff for bringing the jungle to our students at Central.
- Preschool classes are scheduled to begin on August 21. There are 40 preschoolers enrolled and we have a waiting list.
- The Book-It committee met this summer to prepare and plan for our “Welcome to the Jungle” theme at Central. Students who meet their reading goal will participate in fun monthly activities beginning in September.
- Back to School Night was held on August 13 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Parents and students dropped off supplies, visited teachers, and toured the school.
- Bus Evacuation Drill was held on Monday, August 19.
- We welcomed the following staff to Central School:
 - Richard Swanson- Night Custodian
 - Mark Montavon- Head Custodian
 - Becky Lopez- Special Education
 - Courtney Lewis- Paraprofessional
 - Nichole Gross- Paraprofessional
 - Brittany Barlow- Student Teacher

School Improvement:

- During our August 14 Institute Day, staff members attended SAEBRS training to learn about our new SEL Universal screener.
- FastBridge universal screener for academics, SEL pilots and selection, and RTI revamp of our handbook will be areas of focus for the 24-25 school year.

PBIS:

- At Central, Clipper Cash will be used to reward positive behaviors. The Clipper Cart has been restocked and refreshed thanks to Central School PTC and our PBIS team.
- PBIS Boot Camp Basic introduced students to behavior expectations on Monday, August 19.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 6. Action: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Ag Shop Surplus Equipment
- 7. Action: Executive Session
- 8. Action: Return to Open Session
- 9. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 10. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment