

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

Thursday, September 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. Action: Public Hearing - 2024-2025 Budget
 - C. Open Forum
 - D. 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
WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28, 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 Stenzel. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Joshua Nichols asked the board if they are willing to have NEXtera Energy Services come and discuss Community Solar. Nichols went on to share how it's solar energy without onsite installation, how it works, and the benefits. The board agreed to have a representative come and present.

Nichole Stenzel entered the meeting at 6:32 p.m.

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

- Minutes of the June 20, 2024 open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated January 19, 2023 and February 16, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports, as presented. The district has received 19% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$46,714 in sales tax revenue. The district has used roughly 12% this fiscal year.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel, Andrew Full, and Janet Crownhart reviewed their presented reports on school activities, curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols shared information on the following: 1) Verkada visitor check-in security system. 2) Track is installed and waiting on the striping. 3) Summer projects completed as presented in the maintenance report and noted that the buildings look great.

FOIA requests: 1) Ryan Klatt, NW Illinois News, asked for staff contracts. The contracts were sent to him along with a link to our website page where the contracts are located. 2) Owen Wang, NW Illinois News, asked for all staff names, school name, title, and salary. The link to our website page was sent to him. 3) SmartProcure asked for purchase orders to learn who the district is ordering from and how much we are spending. This report was generated and sent to them.

Board Policy Review: Section 4: Operational Services is the next to review during August and September.

The first reading of the June and August Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions were presented.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of Ag Shop Surplus Equipment (Eight (8) Lincoln Electric Welders), as presented. FFA was able to purchase better welders for the ag shop. Selling the old welders will help replenish the FFA account. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:56 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to move to executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:03 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 Powers and seconded by Stenzel to accept the resignations from Amy McCoy as Cafeteria Cook at Central School, effective August 16, 2024 and Jennifer Yocum as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective May 28, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Michael Rosales as Spanish Teacher at the High School, effective August 13, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt reminded all that are up for election to pick up their packets. She also shared that the FFA Alumni is holding an open house to meet the new FFA teacher, Lexi Hilliker, from 6:00-7:00 p.m. on Thursday, August 29. Janet Crownhart shared information on Friday Night 5G Lights. T-Mobile is teaming up with Rob Gronkowski by giving small town schools a chance to win from \$5K to \$25,000 to multi-million-dollar grand prize.

President Pratt announced the next regular board meeting is Thursday, September 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at the Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:14 p.m. by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, AUGUST 8, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Pratt called the finance meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. Katie Pratt, Elsa Payne, Nick Brokaw, Mandy Powers, Rory White, Drew Montavon, Joshua Nichols, and Janet Crownhart were present.

The floor was opened to the public for comments. Superintendent Nichols gave updates on district projects including fencing and the track. Nichols stated the quote for full repairs of the existing fencing would be close to \$5,000. The guardrail at Central is quoted to be around \$13,000. Central School windows quote came in at \$1,070,000. Nichols also stated that the Boehle Memorial at Central School is in rough shape. The class of 1999 has a time capsule inside of the memorial and would like to retrieve the time capsule for their 25th class reunion. The board agreed to let the Class of '99 retrieve their time capsule, and we will replace the bricks of the memorial at that time. Nichols stated there are about 65 girls out for junior high volleyball this year. The board agreed to hire another volleyball coach so each grade level will have their own coach.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to authorize the administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2024-2025 school year, and further to set the 2024-2025 budget hearing for Thursday, September 19, 2024, at 6:30 p.m., at the Junior High School. Superintendent Nichols presented the tentative budget for the 2024-2025 school year. Nichols thoroughly went through each of the fund accounts. Operating Funds projected deficit spending FY 25 \$1,745,482. FY 24 operating funds deficit of \$250,585. Operating fund reserves= \$7,022,148. Debt Service= \$1,440,635. Total Budget= \$16,531,764.50. ESSER funding ends in September. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the purchase of a 2016 Chevrolet Express Passenger Van, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to accept the following resignations: 1) Brad Dunlap as Physical Education Teacher at the Junior High, effective May 29, 2024. 2) Rebecca Lopez as Paraprofessional, effective May 28, 2024. 3) Christopher Grasso as Paraprofessional at the High School. 4) Megan Bus as English Teacher at the High School, effective May 29, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the retirement resignation of George Schwamberger, according to the Early Retirement Incentive of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the conclusion of the 2027-2028 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the employment of the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: 1) Steven Cohrs as Physical Education Teacher at the Junior High School, effective for the 2024-2025 school year. 2) Pamela Morris as 240-Day Custodian at the High School, effective July 29, 2024. 3) Richard Swanson as 240-Day Custodian at Central School, effective July 29, 2024. 4) The 2024-2025 extra-curricular positions as presented. 5) Hector Figueroa as Paraprofessional at the High School, effective August 15, 2024. 6) Melanie Kopriva as English Teacher at the High School, effective August 13, 2024. Motion carried with five yeas and one abstention. One vote was abstained by Powers.

At 7:05 p.m. a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Student Activity Account
 - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
September 19th, 2024
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, August 26th to discuss 2nd chance breakfast, grade level field trips, and PBIS trips.
- On Friday, September 6th Mr. Full attended the annual IESA Athletic Directors Workshop in Bloomington, IL.
- On Monday, September 9th faculty and staff went through ALICE Training during their
- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, September 9th to discuss district paperwork, SLO's and evaluations/observations.
- Teachers are continuing to implement the new SEL curriculum.
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PBIS:

- On Monday, September 9th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Owen Schaefer and Jazzlyn Campiran
 - 6th Grade- Kaiya Kaleel and Brison Fenwick
 - 7th Grade- Amelia Nichols and Mason Heath
 - 8th Grade- Ian Hassler and Brynleigh Payne
 - P.E.- Kainan Considine and Camryn Noble
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Tuc Bergfeld, Evalyn Bump, Annelise Considine, Rudra Patel, Blake Atkinson, Lilly Dolan, Kaiya Kaleel, Alice Klein, Emersyn Miller, Eyan O'Malley, Amelia Cook, Rylen Koch, Enrique Lara Alonso, Kylee Zellhofer, Jacie Blaine, Owen Dallam, Kodie Dempsey, Joivvee Hirsch, Adelynn Kreiser, Sydney Noble, Natalie Skrzypa, and Jaron Wittenauer

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Kaylee Jones and Josie Vivian
- Grade Level Competition

School Activities:

- The AJHS Beta Club has been awarded the 2023-2024 National Beta School of Distinction status.
- Congratulations to the 7th grade girls volleyball team on placing 2nd at the Montmorency 7th/8th grade tournament.
- Congratulations to the 8th grade girls volleyball team on placing 1st at the Montmorency 7th/8th grade tournament.
- Art Club has started and Mrs. Goslin has 14 students participating.
- Speech Team has started and Ms. Vicks has 7 students participating.
- Sign-up have begun for the “Amboy On Stage” Talent Show to be held on November 15th and 16th. Auditions are going to be held on September 16th and 18th.
- On Monday, September 9th students went through their dangerous intruder drill.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
September 2024

School Activities:

- Picture day was held on August 30. We encountered technical difficulties with the delivery of the proofs to parents' emails. Some parents had to contact the company to gain access to their children's photos.
- STAR Math, STAR Reading, and FastBridge benchmark assessments were administered throughout the week of September 16.
- We had our Book-It kick off assembly on September 3. Teachers planned a fun filled assembly with a dance off with our jungle friends. Explorers of the week were recognized for their excellence.
- The first round of Mrs. Goslin's Drawing Club began on September 5.
- Students and staff dressed up to show school spirit during Homecoming week.
- We are 2 weeks into our Leader in Me SEL pilot. We start our day from 8:15-8:30 with an SEL lesson in all classrooms.
- Thank you to Meusel's Dairy Delite for the September 4 Central PTC fundraiser. 50% of sales from 2-9 p.m. and 100% of sales from 5-6 p.m. were donated to support our school.
- Central PTC has scheduled Donuts with Dad on Wednesday, Oct. 2 from 7:15-8:15 a.m. on the blacktop area by the playground. Coffee, donuts, milk, and juice will be offered as a free will donation. This is open to all VIP's for students from preschool through 4th grade.

School Improvement:

- During our September 9 school improvement day, staff members participated in Armed Intruder training. Teachers then spent the rest of the afternoon completing FastBridge training online to become certified in their grade level's benchmark assessments.
- We are looking forward to our October 7 SIP day. We will learn how to run reports and interpret student data from our FastBridge Fall benchmark.

PBIS:

- This school year we are focusing on 7 skills from our Conscious Discipline book study for our school family: composure, encouragement, assertiveness, choices, empathy, positive intent, and consequences.
- Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on our September skill: composure.
- Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade students visited our Clipper Cart to spend their Jungle Cash.



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Principal's Report
September 2024
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Alainie Wittenauer!
- During homeroom this month students have been working on the first few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons. Students have watched videos about being themselves and why grades are important. Also, with homecoming week, we took some time to work on hallway decorations and Skits for skit night.
- Illinois State Board of Education has approved the Education and Nursing pathway program. We are still working on getting approval for Agri-Business and Welding.

School Activities

- School pictures were taken on August 20th with Picture retakes available on Sept 25th.
- Homecoming was the week of Sept 9th with Powder Puff football on Sunday the 8th. Juniors won by playing rock-paper-scissors since the final match ended in a tie!
 - SIP day Monday, Sept 9th, with students having time to work on skits, hallway decorations and the announcement of the Homecoming court.
 - Freshmen: Landon Carter and Abbi Fox
 - Sophomores: Jake Dinges and Lani Davis
 - Juniors: Collin O'Malley and Alyvia Whelchel
 - Seniors: Joel Billhorn, Caleb Shugars, Quinn Leffelman, Tyler Huggins, Brysen Full, Alainie Wittenauer, Grace Royer, Kenley Wilson, Tyrah Vaessen, and Haleigh Stenzel
 - Homecoming King - Quinn Leffelman and Homecoming Queen - Tyrah Vaessen
 - Tuesday, Sept 10th was the LaMoille Parade, Home volleyball game, and bonfire.
 - Thursday, Sept 12th was skit night in the gym at 7pm with the announcement of King and Queen at the end of the evening.
 - Friday, Sept 13th was the Parade starting about 2:30 and then a home football game starting at 7pm with the introduction of the homecoming court and reunion classes starting at 6:30.
 - Saturday, Sept 14th was the high school dance in the AHS Clipper Cove



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- Clipper PRIDE awards were handed out at the assembly on Sept 9th.
 - Matthew Farrar, Landon Carter, Kaitlyn Dempsey, Xavier Cheever, Victor Lopez-Belemontes, Alainie Wittenauer, Kaylee Zimmerman, Jake Dinges, Cordia Asencio, Tanner Welch, Bradley Schmidt, Brooklyn Strub, Gloria Parker, Bryden Boyer, Aubrey Wells, Nathaniel Cordero, Dillon Merriman, Channing Bellows, Olivia Ketchum
- Student council hosted a blood drive on September 10th. Hosting this blood drive allows students to earn scholarships provided by the Red Cross.
- On September 7th, the Band participated in Sublette's 170th Celebration parade.

Building Activities

- August 28th was the first fire drill of the school year. Thank you to Scott Wittenauer for helping us complete it.
- September 9th the students in the morning and the teachers in the afternoon participated in the Armed Intruder Trainings and drills. Thank you to Lee County Deputy Kellen and Amoy Chief Smith for your help with the trainings.
- Read our weekly updates in the newspaper. Thank you to Brandon LaChance for providing us the space to share the good things happening in the school.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 6. Action: Junior High Drama Club Stipends
- 7. Action: Executive Session
- 8. Action: Return to Open Session
- 9. Action: Student Discipline
- 10. Action: Early Graduation
- 11. Action: Personnel - Retirement Resignation
- 12. Action: Personnel - Employment
- 13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment