

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

Thursday, October 17, 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, SEPTEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.
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 Brokaw. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2024-2025 budget. The tentative budget that was presented in August has been on display as required by law. The budget has been since updated to reflect a staff hire, projected revenue changes, and junior high social studies curriculum. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. There were none. There were no comments and /or questions from the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the 2024-2025 budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

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

- Minutes of the August 8, 2024 finance meeting;
- Minutes of the August 28, 2024 open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated March 4, 2023 & March 23, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For his financial report, Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received \$7,431,592 or 52% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$94,793 in sales tax revenue. The district has used 17% or \$2,857,756 this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve to open a High School Flags student activity account. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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 that provides information on school activities, curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and building activities.

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) NEXtera (Vanguard) Energy Services will present Community Solar at the next meeting. 2) The track is completed, the secured entrance doors at Central School have been installed, and the annual building inspections was done by the Regional Office of Education and Fire Marshall. 3) An issue with dog poo on the Central School playground. 4) The board agreed to give the cricut makers and sewing machines to the 4-H/UOI Extension since the class that used these no longer exists.

Three FOIA requests were received from Owen Wang, NW Illinois News. Superintendent Nichols responded and complied in a timely manner.

Section 4: Operational Services of the board policies will remain under review until October.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to adopt 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 White to approve the creation of three Junior High Drama Club stipends for \$1,598.67 each: Advisor/Director/Choreographer, Advisor/Co-Director/Production Manager, and Technical/Music Director. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:56 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon 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 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White 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 9-19-24-1 through 9-19-24-16, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve the early graduation request from student 25114, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the retirement resignation of James Browne as Science Teacher at the High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. 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: April Schrock as Part-Time Cook at Central School, effective August 16, 2024, Kathleen Bonnell as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective September 2, 2024, Cade Sharp as Varsity Baseball Coach, Nicole Jones as Sophomore Volleyball Coach, Melanie Kopriva as Yearbook Director at the High School, and Cindy Mundell as Bus Driver, effective September 30, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Montavon to table the approval of an extended leave request until the October meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Northwest Division Dinner Meeting-Wednesday, October 2, East Coloma-Nelson SD 20, Rock Falls, 6:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting, Thursday, October 17, 2024, Junior High, 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 7:34 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. Presentation of Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC
 - B. 2024 Annual Financial Audit Report
 - C. Review of Financial Reports
 - D. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
October 17th, 2024
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- During the week of September 16th students took their benchmark tests.
- On Thursday, September 26th grade levels met for two class periods to discuss students, plan field trips, and collaborate.
- On September 30th a faculty meeting was held to discuss SLO's/Observations, Fannie May, and general housekeeping items.
- During our SIP Day on October 7th the faculty were trained Fastbridge reports and time was given to complete SAEBRS reports.
- On October 7th the SIP team met with Anji Garza to discuss the following topics: Check-in/check-out procedures, attendance, study halls, and social studies curriculum.

PBIS:

- On Monday, October 7th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Everly Boyle and Jackson Scully
 - 6th Grade- Alice Klein and Noah Lopez
 - 7th Grade- Bailey Wittenauer and Jaxon Hudson
 - 8th Grade- Addison Bump and Kodie Dempsey
 - P.E.- Laci Daniels and Vern Patterson
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Ellie Henkel, Brycen Moore, Ruth Shearer, Raylai Berogan, Abel Dempsey, Kensley Helm, McKenna Hood, Levi McLaughlin, Cozy Schoenholz, Clayton Zimmerman, Wade McCoy, Vern Patterson, Mason Payne, Bailey Wittenauer, Addison Bump, Richard Contreras, Owen Eisenberg, Camryn Noble, Brynleigh Payne, and Scarlett Payne

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Betsy Jones and Patty Kuper
- The volleyball teams were recognized for their great seasons.

School Activities:

- The 6th grade volleyball team placed first at their home volleyball tournament.
- The 6th grade volleyball team placed first in the Rock River Valley Conference Tournament.
- The 8th grade volleyball team placed second in the Rock River Valley Conference Tournament.
- Boys basketball has started. There are 47 athletes signed up to play. The coaches are Steve Cohrs- 5/6th, Chris Payne- 7th, and Trese McNinch- 8th.
- On Monday, October 7th jr. high students listened Jessie Funk speak about kindness and how you can have a fresh start. Thank you Mrs. Crownhart for setting this up.
- On Friday, October 11th our first quarter PBIS celebration was held. Students got popcorn/water, watched a movie, and went through fun rotations.
- The Soccer Club met for the first time on Wednesday, October 9th with Mr. Kolicheski being the sponsor.



**Amoy High School
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October 2024
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Tyrah Vaessen!!
- On September 17th, FFA took 15 students to the land use contest. Henry Klein placed 1st, Anna Carlson was 5th, Westin Wittenauer was 9th, and Tyler Mahar was 10th. We placed 1st as a team, and other teams competing were Dixon, Milledgeville, Morrison, Oregon, Polo, Prophetstown, Rochelle, and Sterling. For the event, students have to fill out an evaluation scorecard that answers questions about how the land/soil can be used for agricultural purposes and how the location can be used for homesite purposes.
- On September 20th, Mrs. Sachs and Mr. Figueroa attended the Special Education Summit at Sauk Valley Community College.
- On September 23 and 24, Mrs Crownhart, Mrs Bulfer, and Mr Kolton attended a State-wide Threat Assessment Training in Lake Villa.
- On October 2nd, Mrs. Hilliker took the Ag sales team to the section 2 contest at SVCC, and they placed 1st as a team. The members were Anna Carlson, Grace Althaus, Jake Dinges, and Tanner Welch. Amoy, Rochelle, Sterling, Dixon, AFC, and Morrison competed. They took on the role of Kubota skid steer salesmen and had to sell the product to potential customers (the judges). The district contest is on October 16th, and if they place in the top two, they will advance to state.
- On October 2nd, Mrs. Bulfer attended an Illinois Principal Association virtual conference on Addressing Chronic Absentism.
- On October 5th, the FFA held their first annual fall fest. Thursday, 10/3, Amoy FFA members volunteered to pick pumpkins in Rochelle after school, and then on Saturday, they provided free pumpkins to over 125 kids. Other fall-themed games, a petting zoo, and canned foods were collected to be donated to a local food pantry.
- On October 11th, Ms Rose took 10 students in her anatomy class to Sauk Valley Community College to visit their science labs and view the cadaver.
- 1st Quarter ended on October 11th. Progress reports were mailed out on Wednesday, October 17th. Science assessment for Seniors, Science English and Math assessment for Freshmen, and SAEBRS report for all.
- 17 sophomore and junior students took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16th. This optional test allows students to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.
- On October 16th, Mrs. Cleary took about 15 students to the Figge Art Museum to view historical and contemporary artworks and participate in an art workshop.



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- On October 18th, Mrs. Cleary will be presenting at the Illinois Art Education Association Conference and attending many workshops.

School Activities

- Picture Retakes were held on September 25th.
- The band participated in the Harvest Time Parade in Oregon on October 6th.
- On October 12th and 13th, the junior class did face-painting at Woodhaven Lakes as a fundraiser for prom.
- The October SIP day:
 - “Think Kindness” presentation from Jessie Funk.
 - PRIDE Awards went to:
 - Jack Thomas, Karagen Welch, Joel Billhorn, Lila Rieskamp, Jarrett Althaus, Michael Farrar, Bella Daly, Henry Klein, Jack Cline, Logan Ketchum, Tinley Whitney, Cooper Whitney, Abel Belan, Hayden Hunsberger, Addison Blaine, Ty Florschuetz, Makayla Burt, Atticus Goff, Collin O’Malley, Lili Leffelman

Looking Ahead

- Final exams will be held on December 18th, 19th, and 20th.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 18th and 19th.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
October 2024

School Activities:

- Thank you to Central PTC for a super successful Donuts with Dudes. Students and family members enjoyed donuts and a fall photo booth.
- Third graders went on a field trip to Lowell Park for Outdoor Stewardship on October 3.
- On October 7 we had a school assembly to recognize our explorers of the week and celebrate our AR point total. Students also practiced STAR breathing to practice maintaining composure.
- Our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students completed MySAEBRS on October 7. Teachers completed SAEBRS benchmarking for all students K-4 during the week of October 7.
- First quarter ended on October 11 and report cards will be sent home on October 18.
- Thank you to the Amboy Fire Department and Amboy High School volunteers for teaching our students about fire safety on October 11. Our students learned a lot and received information to take home and share with their parents.
- Fourth graders had a pumpkin painting party with Mrs. Goslin on October 11. Thank you to Jim Travi and the Amboy Lions Club for donating pumpkins for our fourth graders
- On October 16 our kindergarteners went to Tanner's Orchard for their class field trip, fun was had by all.
- Thank you to all of our community members that purchased Apple Cider Donuts for our Central PTC fundraiser.

School Improvement:

- We wrapped up our SEL pilot of Leader in Me. Teachers completed a rubric based on their experience and we debriefed as a staff to discuss strengths and weaknesses of the resource. We will begin our Caring School Community pilot on October 28.
- During our October 7 school improvement day, staff members participated in FastBridge training to learn how to effectively use benchmark data to best support students' needs.
- Teachers participated in data meetings on October 8 and 9 to identify interventions for struggling students.
- Our RTI task force met on October 9 from 3:30-4:30 to begin the process of revamping our RTI handbook to reflect current practices.
- Kindergarten teachers entered KIDS assessment data on October 10.
- Library furniture will be delivered on October 16.

PBIS:

- October's character trait continues with composure. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present lessons on different breathing techniques to calm down.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: Executive Session
- 6. Action: Return to Open Session
- 7. Action: Student Discipline
- 8. Action: Personnel
- 9. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment