

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

Tuesday, November 19, 2024
6:30 PM

Central School Gym
30 E Provost Street
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, OCTOBER 17, 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. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Russ Gewin, Kelsey Kant, Ryan Steins, Yvonne Vicks, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Junior High Speech Team, Amelia Kant, Leah Bonnell, Madison Phillips, and Kylee Zellhofer acted out their state competition performance of “The Big Switch”. Russ Gewin from NEXtera Energy presented how Community Solar works and why to subscribe. Yvonne Vicks and Andrew Full announced their benchmark testing was done in September then presented STAR Reading and Math percentile data, RtI Reading and Math target percentages, aReading and AUToreading – FastBridge fall testing results, aMath and CBMmath Automaticity – FastBridge fall testing results, discussed SAEBRs – FastBridge, and IAR ELA and Math results with projections.

Board Committee Reports: There were none.

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

- Minutes of the September 19, 2024, open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated April 20, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The next order of business was the presentation of the Annual Financial Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC. According to the report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Amboy Community Unit School District #272 as of June 30, 2024, and its revenue received and expenditures disbursed during the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the Annual Financial Audit Report as of June 30, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. Revenue: The district has received \$8,697,672 (61%) for the year and \$150,539 in sales tax revenue. Expenses: The district has used \$4,031,046 (24%) of its operating funds.

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.

Principals Jessica Meusel, Andrew Full, and Janet Crownhart summarized their presented report. Each report contains current curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS events.

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) It’s been a year since the start of the old junior high demolition which is now completed along with the track project and the Central School secured entrance and sensory room. 2) He’s starting to work on the ISBE School Maintenance Project Grant application. 3) Noted a few things from the maintenance report such as HVAC preparation for the cooler weather, fire alarm system at Central has hopefully been resolved, and found the issue of the water leak with door 5 at the Junior High.

FOIA Requests: Owen Wang, NW Illinois News, requested a PDF copy of student evacuation plan in the case of an active shooting. This request was denied because this information is exempt from FOIA requests.

Board Policy Review: Section 4: Operational Services - Fiscal and Business policies have been reviewed and no revisions made. The next to review is Section 4: Operational Services – Operations, Safety and Security policies through December.

At 7:48 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to move to executive session for the purpose of discussion of appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:31 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Brokaw to approve the suspensions of students 10-17-24-1 through 10-17-24-20, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve Hector Figueroa as Fresh/Soph Wrestling Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m., Central School

Triple I Chicago Conference – November 21-24

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 8:33 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
 - C. 2024 Tentative Tax Levy & Set Public Hearing Date
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports



**Amoy High School
Principal's Report
November 2024
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Kenley Wilson!!
- On October 28th, Mr Kolton led a financial aid night, and about 10 families attended. Sauk Valley's financial aid office presented and ISAC was present to help senior families set up their usernames and passwords for the upcoming FAFSA application that will be available to seniors on December 1st.
- Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs. Bulfer attended the Illinois Principal's Association Conference from October 20th to 22nd. We attended multiple sessions to gain new ideas and insights for the coming school year.
- On November 12th, Mr Kolton held a technical and certificate program night. Sauk Valley admissions also discussed the different programs available to students.
- Mrs. Crownhart, Mrs. Bulfer, and Mr. Kolton have been discussing weighted grades and changing the GPA criteria for certain courses to be weighted.
- Mrs Crownhart and Mrs Meusel attended a job fair at Illinois State University on November 12th to start recruiting new teachers for known open positions for next school year.

School Activities

- During homeroom this month, students have been working on the next few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons and videos of stress and time management, being distracted with devices, health and wellness and then watching a digital citizenship video on evaluating evidence. We also had visits from multiple colleges and the navy this month during lunch.



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- The Academic Bowl team participated in the Stateline Quiz Bowl on Oct 27th in Rockford. It will air on December 7th & 8th. More information will come in the weekly principals report in the Amoy Newspaper.
- Fall play, "The Play That Goes Wrong" took place on November 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. The cast, crew, and staff did a great job!
- Veteran's Day Celebration was held on November 11th in the High School Gym. Thank you to Mrs. Meusel for organizing the event and PE classes for helping to set-up and take down the chairs. Students also did a lesson on the meaning of Veteran's day and were broken into groups to create gift bags, cards, and decorations for veterans in nursing homes. Then we had a panel of veterans who spoke to the students about their time in the service. Special thanks to Jay Shaw, James Browne, Dave Merriman, and Kelly Foster for participating. Thank you to everyone who participated.

Looking Ahead

- Final exams will be held on December 18th, 19th, and 20th.
- Parent-teacher conferences will be held on November 25th and 26th.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
November 2024

School Activities:

- On October 31 students who met their individual reading goal enjoyed a jungle themed snack.
- On November 4 we had an all school assembly to recognize our explorers of the week, update our school reading goal, and learn about encouragement.
- On November 11 we held our district wide Veterans Day Assembly. Special thanks to our veterans, music department, student speakers, and staff for their involvement.
- Our parent engagement committee along with the help of our Central PTC is planning a family movie night at Central School on December 6. Families are invited to enjoy free cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa.
- Parent Teacher conferences are scheduled for November 25 and 26.

School Improvement:

- On November 11 our staff participated in professional development in the areas of Conscious Discipline and trauma informed strategies which correlates with our trauma informed action plan. Central Staff also participated in task force meetings focused on PBIS, RTI, Book-It, and SEL.
- Central School scored a 71.56 overall score on our Illinois School Report Card which received a commendable designation. Thank you to the Central School staff for their dedication and thank you to our students for their hard work.

PBIS:

- November's character trait is encouragement. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson. We started a Kindness Tree in the library to recognize and celebrate our acts of kindness with students and staff.
- On October 25 students dressed up like scarecrows and participated in a PBIS Fall celebration.



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

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Wednesday, November 6th the following departments met after school: Science and P.E.
- Friday, November 8th was the end of the first trimester and students will be attending new rotations starting on Tuesday, November 12th.
- During our SIP Day on November 11th, a faculty meeting was held to discuss the following topics: homework/late homework policy, grading, and parent/teacher conferences.
- During our SIP Day on November 11th the Social Studies Department met to discuss curriculum, educational mandates, and align curriculum.

PBIS:

- On Monday, November 11th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Rudra Patel and Mila Burke
 - 6th Grade- Emersyn Miller and Greyson Henkel
 - 7th Grade- Mason Payne and Kylee Zellhofer
 - 8th Grade- Norah Shearer and Owen Dallam
 - P.E.- Taylyr McNinch and Cozette Schoenholz
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Caitlyn Hummel, Ava Unzueta, Emery Williams, Kaylee Williams, Gunner Christoffersen, Brison Fenwick, Aliyah Holtzclaw, Taylyr McNinch, Reagan Miller, Myla Zambrano, Kainan Considine, Peyton Angermeier, Jayce Ellis, Mason Heath, Teagan Moore, Caidie Phelps, Nolan Scully, Alexis White, Tavarius Briar, Jasmine Rhodenbaugh, Shawn Thompson, and Estella Zambrano.
 - o Positive Office Referrals- Ryan Gascoigne, Alexis White, Kendyll Whitney, and Kylee Zellhofer.

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Steve Cohrs and Brittany Shoemaker
- Speech Team was recognized for their accomplishments at the state competition.

School Activities:

- On Friday, November 1st, the Speech Team traveled to Ladd for the IESA Speech Contest. The duo of Jack McCoy and Vern Patterson received a first-place rating. The group of Amelia Kant, Caidie Phelps, Leah Bonnell, and Kylee Zellhofer received a first-place rating and a Judge's Choice Award.
- Young Authors has started with Ms. Vicks as the sponsor. There are seven students participating.
- On Friday, November 1st, Amboy Jr. High previewed the Fall Play.
- On Friday, November 8th and Saturday, November 9th, the 7th grade boys basketball team competed in the Ladd Veterans Day Tournament and placed second out of eight teams.
- Amboy Jr. High had four students qualify for ILMEA. Bailey Wittenauer, Gibson Ramirez, and Amelia Cook for chorus and Rylen Koch for band.
- On Monday, November 11th, Amboy Jr. High attended the district Veterans Day Program. Thank you to Mrs. Meusel for organizing the event.

- 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: 10 Year Life Safety Agreement with Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc.
- 7. Action: School Maintenance Project Grant Application
- 8. Action: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of Kitchen Surplus Equipment
- 9. Action: Executive Session
- 10. Action: Return to Open Session
- 11. Action: Student Discipline
- 12. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 13. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment