

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

Thursday, December 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. Public Hearing - 2024 Tax Levy
 - 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
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2024, AT 6:30 P.M.
CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

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, Heather Dewey, Anna Willis, Lisa Moore, Lindsey Kaleel, Faith Sachs, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel.

The floor was opened to comments from the audience. Jessica Meusel and Heather Dewey, Occupational Therapist from Ogle County Education Cooperative, had a presentation on the reasons for and how a sensory room operates. The meeting was paused for everyone to view the newly developed room. Lindsey Kaleel and Lisa Moore discussed their thoughts and concerns about the Junior High volleyball program.

Board Committee Reports: Katie Pratt shared information on the November 11th Strategic Planning Committee meeting.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: minutes of the October 17, 2024, open & closed meetings and delete audio recordings dated May 18, 2023. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received \$11,325,634 of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$203,737 in sales tax revenue. This represents 97% of the anticipated local revenue and roughly 28% state revenue. The district has used roughly \$5,388,440 of this fiscal year's operating funds.

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.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Montavon to approve the 2024 tentative tax levy, as presented, and to set a public hearing on Thursday, December 19, 2024, 6:30 p.m., at Central School. Superintendent Nichols provided a summary on the tentative tax levy. He'll present the levy at the truth and taxation hearing during the December board meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The next order of business was Principal Reports. Janet Crownhart, Jessica Meusel, and Andrew Full summarized their presented reports. These reports include curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. Katie Pratt noted on all the great talent performed at the Junior High Talent Show.

For his Superintendent Report, Joshua Nichols shared a few maintenance items from the several listed in the presented report by Maintenance Director, Brian Lampe. He also announced that all three schools earned commendable designation on the Illinois school report card.

Two FOIA requests were received. 1) Rock River Valley IEA/NEA requested 2025 retirees. The information was responded promptly. 2) SmartProcure requested the district's spending and purchasing information. This request comes several times a year and Molly Noble responds in a timely manner.

The first reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions was presented.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the 10 Year Life Safety agreement with Richard L. Johnson Associates, Inc., as presented. This allows them to begin the survey this summer. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to approve the School Maintenance Project Grant application, as presented. This application seeks to apply for \$50,000 in state funds to replace windows and doors at Central. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of kitchen surplus equipment, as presented. The 1968 mixer is the only thing worth anything. Everything else has to be dismantled and removed. There's no guarantee what will be left after the removal process. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:45 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 8:21 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 Brokaw to approve the suspensions of students 11-19-24-1 through 11-19-24-27, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Montavon to accept the resignations of Kathleen Russell as Title I Reading Teacher, effective October 25, 2024; Cindy Mundell as Bus Driver, effective November 8, 2024; and Shelli Bump as Cafeteria Cook and Bus Aide, effective November 13, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve Jeannie King as 5th/6th Grade Scholastic Bowl Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to approve an extended leave request, as presented. Motion failed upon roll call.

President Pratt announced the date of the next regular School Board meeting: Thursday, December 19, 2024 – Central School – 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting at 8:24 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 Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
December 2024

School Activities:

- Our Central Family Movie Night was a HUGE success! Our gym was packed and the kids loved it! Families were able to enjoy cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa. Special thanks to our Family Engagement Committee and staff volunteers for all of their hard work and effort. Special thanks to PTC for over 700 cookies! We have an incredible team!
- Parent Teacher Conferences were well attended. Thank you to Central School PTC for providing snacks for our teachers.
- Our Canned Food Drive to help out our Amboy Fire Department began on November 19 and ended on December 12. The class that brought the most canned food items won a pizza party from Casey's.
- On November 22 students who met their individual reading goal earned a bag of popcorn to enjoy while watching a jungle themed movie.
- On December 2 we had an all school assembly to recognize our smarties of the week and update our reading progress. We have earned 7,350 points so far this year.
- Our Central School Winter Parties were held on December 20 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. All parents were invited to attend.
- Students who met their individual reading goal enjoyed coconut bowling on December 19.

School Improvement:

- Students completed winter benchmark assessments the week of December 9. Central School staff will have data meetings on December 17 and 18 to discuss student progress.
- Our SEL pilots have ended. Leader in Me received higher scores than Caring School Community. Our SEL team from Central is going to present our findings at the January Board Meeting.

PBIS:

- December's Conscious Discipline skill is to be assertive. Our kindness tree is overflowing with kindness leaves.
- On December 20 our students enjoyed donuts and hot cocoa for their PBIS reward.



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

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On November 21st, grade levels met for two class periods to discuss upcoming events, curriculum, and students.
- On November 25th and 26th parent/teacher conferences were held.
- On December 4th the following departments met: Science, Soc. St., and P.E.
- During the week of December 9th Benchmark Testing was done.
- On December 11th the Math Department met.

PBIS:

- On Friday, December 20th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade-
 - 6th Grade-
 - 7th Grade-
 - 8th Grade-
 - P.E.-
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-
 - o Positive Office Referrals- Hunter Roberts
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
 - o Boys basketball was recognized for their accomplishments this season.
 - o Prize money was handed out to Fannie May top sellers.

School Activities:

- Family Glow Night was held on Wednesday, November 20th. The ELA, Soc. St. and P.E. Departments organized the event with 44 participants in attendance.

- On Friday, December 6th the Winter Concert was held. I want to congratulate Mr. Kerley, Beginning Band, Concert Band, and Chorus on a great concert.
- On Saturday, December 7th the 7th and 8th grade boys basketball teams competed in Chadwick Streaks Tournament. The 7th grade placed 1st and the 8th grade placed 2nd.
- The Rock River Valley Conference Tournament was held and the 5th/6th grade team placed 3rd. The 7th/8th grade team placed 5th.
- Starting on December 9th and running through the end of the semester, the AJHS Student Council organized spirit dress up weeks.



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Quinn Leffelman.
- Ellie McLaughlin was named November Student of the Month for Allied Health at Whiteside.
- Congratulations to the Illinois State Scholars: Addison Pertell, Hunter Rasmussen, Grace Royer, Kenley Wilson, Alainie Wittenauer.
- Congratulations to Brooklyn Strub on being selected to submit a scholarship application for the National Merit Scholarship Competition.
- November 25th and 26th, Mrs. Hilliker took a group of FFA members to the BUILD Conference at ISU.
- On November 19th, Mrs. Crownhart attended an Illinois Principal's Association workshop titled "Leadership Mindset - Prioritizing Doing Right over Being Right."
- On November 26, Ms. Harvey took 11 students to Byron High School for a Student Council workshop.
- On December 6th, Mr. Kolton attended a counselor's luncheon at WACC to learn about WACC program updates.
- On December 9th, Mrs. Sachs, members of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, and members of the Regional Office of Education worked together to
- December 5th and 6th, Mrs. Whitman attended the IAPHERD Convention.
- On December 13th, Ms Scriven attended the Transitional ELA summit at SVCC.

School Activities



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



- During homeroom this month, students watched videos on Digital Citizenship and took a couple of days to choose the classes they would like to be exempt from for final exams. Students had an opportunity to be exempt from 2 classes but must have a B or higher in the class and 3 or fewer tardies to that class to be exempt.
- Parent-teacher conferences were held on November 25th and November 26th. The high school had approximately 24% of the parents come in to pick up report cards.
- On November 16, Mr. Kemmerer and the pep band earned a spot to perform at the State Volleyball games. They did a great job and have auditioned to go again next year.
- Auditions for the Spring musical were held on December 7th. The cast list has been posted. Mark your calendars for "Into the Woods, Jr" which will be held on March 14th, 15th, and 16th.
- On December 6th, FFA went to Prairie Fire Golf in Byron. The students earned the trip by participating in an FFA event above the chapter level this semester! It was a little chilly, but all had a good time!
- On December 8th, the AHS band and choir held their Winter Concert. All participants did a great job.
- The Academic Bowl team's match vs Byron in the Stateline Quizbowl tournament was broadcast on Rockford's ABC and Fox stations on December 8th. The team competed well and had a wonderful time. The team earned a pizza party at Salamone's North Italian Restaurant for answering the halftime question correctly.

Looking Ahead

- Final exams will be held on December 18th, 19th, 20th.
- 2nd semester starts on January 7th. Mr. Kolton has been busy meeting with students to ensure they are in the correct classes right away when they return from break.



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



- Course selections for the 25-26 school year will take place in January. The decision has been made to weight courses that are titled AP, SVCC academic coursework (not FYE), Calculus, Physics, and Anatomy. More information can be found in the course catalog which will be posted online in January.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 6. Action: Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2024 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, Lee County, Illinois.
- 7. Action: Two Resolutions Authorizing Public Hearing Date for Transfer of Funds
- 8. Action: Chromebooks Quote
- 9. Action: Executive Session
- 10. Action: Return to Open Session
- 11. Action: Student Discipline
- 12. Action: Personnel - Resignations
- 13. Personnel - Hiring
- 14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment