

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

Thursday, January 23, 2025
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. Action: Public Hearing on Transfer of Funds
 - 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
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19, 2024 AT 6:30 P.M.
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY 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 Powers and Montavon. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2024 Tax Levy. Superintendent Nichols presented historical data, fund balances and his strategy and thoughts. The levy proposes a 12.44% increase over last year's extension. Local property taxes represent between 80 and 85% of the district's revenue. The large increase request is based on the new wind turbines in the district. There were no comments or questions. Pratt declared the hearing closed.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the 2024 Tax Levy resolution, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public for open forum. There were none.

Brokaw, Payne, Nichols, White, and Meusel shared what they learned from the sessions at the Triple I Conference in Chicago.

Drew Montavon entered the meeting at 6:55 p.m.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the consent agenda items, as presented:

- Minutes of the November 19, 2024 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated June 15, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 85% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$254,245 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 37% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 45% this fiscal year.

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

Jessica Meusel and Andrew Full reviewed the many events and activities for the month from their presented Principal reports.

For his Superintendent report, Nichols discussed: 1) Fencing projects at both buildings are done. 2) The school maintenance project grant application has been approved. 3) The bid notice for Central School's project is posted.

There have been no FOIA requests since last month's meeting.

The review of board policy, Section 4: Operational Services, is complete with no needed revisions. The next section to review is Section 5: Personnel.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to approve the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions, as presented. Superintendent Nichols noted on a few that were updated. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the 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 District, as presented. These taxes need to be abated since we will be using sales tax dollars to pay for these bonds. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to adopt the two resolutions that set a public hearing for January 23, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., at Central School to discuss transfer of funds, as presented. This will allow us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$100,000) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes. The other transfer is \$500,000 from Transportation to Operations and Maintenance to help cover the cost of the Central School project. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the quotes from Trafera for 46 ASUS chromebooks and 370 Dell chromebooks, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:15 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White 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 an 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 Montavon 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 12-19-24-1 through 12-19-24-9, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the resignations of Michael Rosales as Spanish Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year, April Schrock as Part-Time Cook, effective November 22, 2024, and Allison Fox as Junior High Girls Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve April Schrock as Assistant Head Cook at Central School, effective December 2, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming date: Regular School Board Meeting - Thursday, January 23, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne 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. Confidential Executive Session Minutes
- C. 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
January 2025
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Addison Pertell.
- Mr. Kolton started to meet with Freshmen, sophomores, and Juniors to go over course options for next year. Parents will be invited on January 27th to also go over course options for their students for next year.
 - 8th-grade students will hear from Mr. Kolton on Feb 3rd, and 8th-grade parents are invited to hear about high school course options and SVCC's IMPACT program on February 5th at 6 pm.
 - Sophomore students visited WACC on January 9th to learn about the programs available to Juniors and Seniors.
- Mrs. Cleary has been approved to teach and has started the semester teaching Art Appreciation Dual Enrollment through SVCC. Ms. Rose is in the process of getting approval to teach BIO 105 as a dual enrollment course through SVCC. This goes along with our already approved Ag Mechanics and AgBusiness courses.
- FAFSA Completion Night will be held on January 28th. Illinois Student Assistance Commission (ISAC) and SVCC will also be available to help and answer questions.

School Activities

- Final Exams were held on December 18, 19, and 20.
- Homeroom Material
 - This month focuses on digital citizenship, how to deal with online hate speech, and how young people are too young to be on social media.
 - We started working through Method Learning, a program designed to help freshmen, sophomores, and juniors prepare for the ACT.
- Scholastic Bowl starts on January 22nd with a home match.
- Student Counsel held a blood drive on January 21st.

Looking Ahead



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- Scholarship opportunities for juniors and seniors are becoming available. Students should start asking for letters of recommendation.
- Seniors will be encouraged to share their plans for after graduation. We are making a "Senior Spotlight" board to highlight their plans.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
January 2025

School Activities:

- January 7 we had an all school assembly to recognize our explorers of the week and get an update on our reading progress.
- We LOVE Math Family Night is scheduled for February 7 from 6-7 p.m.

School Improvement:

- On our January 6 Institute Day teachers worked on report cards. During our staff meeting teachers reviewed 5 Essentials Data, Illinois School Report Card data, and our School Improvement Plan.

PBIS:

- Pizza with the Principal Bingo was launched at Central School in January. Students receive positive office referrals from staff members and get to claim a spot on the bingo board. The group of students included in the first bingo will earn a pizza party with Mrs. Meusel. Thank you PTC for sponsoring our pizza parties!
- January's Conscious Discipline skill is responsible decision making . Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on integrity.
- We shared an Amazon Wishlist with the community for our Clipper Cart.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
January 23rd, 2025
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, January 6th to discuss the following topics:
 - Returning Students
 - SLO's/Evaluations/Observations
 - Spelling Bee
 - Significant 24
 - 5 Essentials
- The School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics:
 - 2025-2026 Master Schedule
 - IAR Schedule
 - Math Curriculum
 - Instructional Mandates
 - 5 Essentials

PBIS:

- No Assembly was held this month.

School Activities:

- Girls Basketball has started with the coaches being Adri Whitney, Trese McNinch, Lindsay Kaleel, and Tori Daniels. There are 39 girls out for basketball with five being from Ohio.
- The AJHS Band was selected to play at the IESA boys state basketball games on February 15th.
- Scholastic Bowl has started with Yvonne Vicks and Jeannie King as coaches.

- Tryouts for the AJHS musical were held on Wednesday, January 15th and Friday, January 17th. Productions of the musical will be held on April 11th and 12th.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: Discipline Improvement Plan
- 6. Action: Central School Renovation Project Bid
- 7. Action: Asbestos Abatement Bid
- 8. Action: Executive Session
- 9. Action: Return to Open Session
- 10. Action: Student Discipline
- 11. Action: Personnel - Resignation
- 12. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment