

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

Thursday, February 20, 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. 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, JANUARY 23, 2025 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. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Tammy Strub, Nathan Hummel, Caden Hummel, Yvonne Vicks, Joanie Zimmerly, Jamie Rodriguez, Renee Selover, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the permanent transfer of funds. Superintendent Nichols explained that this allows us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$100,000) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes and a transfer of \$500,000 from Transportation to Operations and Maintenance. There were no questions or comments from the audience or the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to adopt the two resolutions authorizing an interfund transfer from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund and from the Transportation Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. 1) Nathan Hummel asked the board if they've considered having a resource officer. The incident with a woman during dismissal at Central School has him concerned for future incidents. Superintendent Nichols response to this was that this has been asked of them a few times but it's very costly but will revisit it by looking at options. 2) Tammy Strub discussed her concerns over talk about the choir room turning into a room for wrestling. Nichols reassured her that this is not going to happen. Strub also commended Principal Nehring for being a "Ninja" for her quick responses. 3) Joanie Zimmerly, Jamie Rodriguez, and Renee Selover provided a presentation and shared information on why SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum is important. Since 2023, Central School has been an SEL Pilot for several programs. After two years of using the different curriculum programs, their choice is Leader in Me. They asked the board to purchase this now so they can get staff training and implement it for the 2025-2026 school year.

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

- Minutes of the December 19, 2024 open & closed regular meetings;
- Keep all executive session minutes from April 18, 2024 through October 17, 2024 closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 3, 2023 and August 17, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 87% of the anticipated revenue and \$304,853 in sales tax revenue. This represents roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and roughly 46% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 51% this fiscal year. The operating funds' expenditures are as anticipated.

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 Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, and Jessica Meusel summarized their presented reports covering curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS.

Superintendent Nichols pointed out a few items from the maintenance report: 1) Removing items from the old high school kitchen has started. 2) The lift used to replace lights in the gym was used to its full height capacity. 3) Rockford Structures is very close to being done with Central School's entrance project.

FOIA requests received: 1) Smart Procure asked for spending and purchasing information. This request is made several times and year. 2) Illinois Retired Teachers Association as for any teachers that are retiring at the end of the year. Both were responded to in a timely manner.

Superintendent Nichols reminded all that board policy Section 5: Personnel, is under review until March. He suggests cutting Section G out because out-of-date information.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to approve the Discipline Improvement Plan, as presented. We are in the top 20% of schools for using exclusionary discipline (suspensions). The state has us develop a plan to reduce the amount. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve the bid from Winter Construction for the Central School renovation project, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to approve the bid from DEM Services, Inc. for the asbestos abatement at Central School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:22 p.m., a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Brokaw 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 an educational setting and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:43 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Brokaw to approve the suspensions of students 1-23-25-1 through 1-23-25-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Hector Figueroa as Paraprofessional, effective January 31, 2025. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve to employ the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Katie Lahman as School Nurse at Central School, effective January 7, 2025; Adeline Doyle as Cook at Central School, effective January 14, 2025; Elizabeth Murphy as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective January 13, 2025; and Tori Daniels as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Girls Basketball Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, February 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m., at Central School and School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 8, 2025, at the Junior High School.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 7:46 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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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



**Amboy High School  
Principal's Report  
February 2025  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Month was Natalie Pratt.
- Mr. Kolton has been discussing course selection with students and hosted a parent night on January 27th for returning students and February 10th for 8th-grade parents.
- Scholarship forms and applications are available on the shelves outside the main office or the website.
- The Amboy FFA attended the first state bank ag conference in Mendota on January 23rd, the members attending were Tanner Welch, Jake Dinges, Maddie Althaus, Lili Leffelman, and Kenley Wilson.
- On January 27th, Mr. Nichols, Mrs. Crownhart, Mr. Delimata, and Mrs. Holldorf presented to area superintendents at the ROE in Sterling about the mentor program we piloted this year.
- FAFSA night was held on January 28th to assist parents in completing the FAFSA.
- On January 29th, Ms Harvey took 14 students to a Student Council workshop in Byron.
- On January 29th, Mr. Heavner took a group of students to the Ground Zero conference at WIU. Those attending were Emma Richardson, Kylee Grotzinger, and Nicho Warner.
- On January 31st, Mrs. Cleary took her Art Appreciation class to the Next Picture Show in Dixon to review the artwork.
- On February 13th, Mr. Heavner took a group of welding students to Allied Locke to tour the facility and learn about job opportunities that may be available to them.
- In January, Jarrett Althaus, Anna Carlson, Kenley Wilson, Tyler Huggins, and Grace Althaus were all recommended to the state to receive their State FFA degrees.

### **School Activities**

- Homeroom Material
  - Students completed a Bike Safety Quiz through Ride Illinois the week of February 3rd.
- A college and career fair was held on February 10th. Students could attend four presentations of their choice and then walk through the fair to see other college and career options. About 40 vendors were present. Thank you to the community for supporting our event.



**Amoy High School  
Principal's Report  
February 2025  
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



- The blood drive canceled on January 21st has been rescheduled for February 19th.

**Amboy Central Elementary School**  
**Principal Report**  
**Jessica Meusel**  
**February 2025**

**School Activities:**

- On February 3 we had our school assembly to recognize our explorers of the week, introduce empathy as our Conscious Discipline skill, and update our progress towards the school wide reading goal.
- Students celebrated their 100th day of school on January 30! 100 days smarter and stronger!
- Valentine's Day parties were held on February 14th.
- Our family engagement committee hosted a Math Family Night on February 7. Special thanks to Central School PTC for sponsoring the event and our Family Engagement Committee for their hard work.
- Our after school Science Club hosted by Ag in the Classroom with the help of our AHS student volunteers meets every Wednesday during the month of February.
- Our after school Young Author's Club meets on Tuesdays in March and April for our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students.
- Central students visited the Amboy High School FFA petting zoo on February 21 to celebrate National FFA week.
- Central PTC Pancake Breakfast is coming up on March 2nd.

**School Improvement:**

- Central School staff members participated in Youth Mental Health First Aid training on our February SIP day.
- Our RTI task force continues to meet monthly to discuss and make changes to our RTI handbook and processes.

**PBIS:**

- Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on empathy.
- Our 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration will be held at the Sterling Movie Theater, date to be determined. Students will enjoy popcorn and a movie to celebrate their good behavior.



**Amboy Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
February 20th, 2025  
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- A faculty meeting was held on Wednesday, February 5<sup>th</sup> to review SAEBRS.
- During our SIP day on February 10<sup>th</sup> the faculty and staff were given time to complete the SAEBRS and attended Mental Health/First Aid Training.

**PBIS:**

- On Monday, February 10<sup>th</sup>, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
  - o Students of the Month-
    - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade- Paisley Kant, DeShawn Robinson, Annelise Considine, and Everett Walter
    - 6<sup>th</sup> Grade- Gillian Schneider, Reagan Miller, Ethan Farster, and Julius Jones
    - 7<sup>th</sup> Grade- Blake Mumm, Caidie Phelps, Thomas Payne, and Payton Angermeier
    - 8<sup>th</sup> Grade- Parker Zimmerly, Mallory Bodmer, Charlie Schoenholz, and Jaron Wittenauer
    - P.E.- Jace Williams, Selena Daffer, Madison Phillips, and Grace Zambrano
  - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Mila Burke, Jace Davis, Adisyn Latta, Oliver Machen, Taiden Payne, Averie Failor, Makayla Phillips, Bricen Davis, Vanessa Gross, Teagan Partridge, Mackenzie Alletto, Sophya Fonderoli, Ian Hassler, Scarlett Payne, Charlie Schoenholz, Norah Shearer, Brooklyn Larson, Summer Nantz, Brooklynn Rutherford, Michael Dallam, Ethan Farster, Cam Florschuetz, Kyzin Gries, Greyson Henkel, Jamison Meyer, Cooper Fox, Annabelle Leffelman, Jacob Wittenauer, Laci Daniels, Leah Dempsey, Natalee Feaster,

Bayne Brown, Emerson Gross, Kayden McCrary, Jaiden Phelps, Kylie Vaupel, Izzy Klein, Kylee Zellhofer, and Hannah Whitman.

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Avery Kerley, Vanessa Goslin, Scotlyn Schabacker, and Yvonne Vicks.

**School Activities:**

- On January 23<sup>rd</sup>, Jostens was here to measure 8<sup>th</sup> grade students for promotion gowns.
- The girls basketball program hosted their annual tournament on Saturday, February 8<sup>th</sup>. The 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade teams finished second.
- On February 14<sup>th</sup>, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students went on their rescheduled field trip to Slick City.
- On Saturday, February 15<sup>th</sup> the AJHS band played at the IESA basketball state finals in Kankakee.
- Parker Zimmerly won the school spelling bee and will represent AJHS at the Regional Spelling Bee in Dixon on February 20<sup>th</sup>.
- On February 20<sup>th</sup> the 8<sup>th</sup> grade went on their rescheduled field trip to Circa '21

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2025-2026 School Calendar
- 6. Action: Bus Lease Quote
- 7. Action: Bus Buyout Quote
- 8. Action: Sealcoating Quotes
- 9. Action: Social Emotional Learning (SEL) Curriculum Proposal
- 10. Action: Executive Session
- 11. Action: Return to Open Session
- 12. Action: Student Discipline
- 13. Action: Personnel - Resignation
- 14. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 15. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment