

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

Thursday, March 20, 2025
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, FEBRUARY 20, 2025 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 Brokaw and Montavon. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Yvonne Vicks & Andrew Full presented junior high winter benchmarking in STAR Reading and Math, aReading FastBridge, and CBMmath Automaticity FastBridge. RtI Reading and Math data and SAEBRS screening results were shared as well.

Board Committee Reports: Amboy Education Foundation Wine & Cheese Gala tickets are available for March 8, 2025.

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

- Minutes of the January 23, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 19, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that 94% of the anticipated revenue has been received for the year and \$355,024 in sales tax revenue. This is about 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 58% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 59% this fiscal year.

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

Superintendent Nichols announced that Maintenance Director, Brian Lampe, has been busy replacing the emergency lights in the junior high gym due to the power surge. Mr. Lampe also negotiated the contract with Republic Services for garbage disposal after the hefty price increase.

FOIA Requests: 1) IL Retired Teachers asked for name and email address of certified staff who are retiring this year. 2) Molly Hudgens, SEIU Local 73 requested all employee names, part or full time status, weekly hours, annual budgeted hours and salary, hourly rate, and hire rate. 3) SmartProcure requested purchasing and vendor information. All requests were responded to in a timely manner.

Board Policy Review: Section 5: Personnel is under review through March. Section G has some out-of-date information that could be deleted.

The first reading of the 2025-2026 school calendar was presented. Changes are moving parent-teacher conferences back to October after the first quarter and no school the whole week of Thanksgiving.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Stenzel to approve the three-year lease quote from Midwest Transit Equipment for two 2026 41-passenger school buses, as presented. These buses are

used for the Oregon/Chana and Preschool routes and have the built-in child seats. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the buyout quote from Midwest Transit Equipment for two 2020 14-passenger activity buses, as presented. The cost of leasing activity buses has gone up extremely so the purchase price seems reasonable for these buses that are in good shape. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to approve the two quotes from Robers Professional Sealcoating for asphalt sealing at Central School and the High School, as presented. It's time to seal and coat the new asphalt in different areas of the buildings. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the proposal from Franklin Covey Education for the Social Emotional Learning (SEL) curriculum, as presented. This is a four-year agreement to launch the SEL program at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:22 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White 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 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 2-20-25-1 through 2-20-25-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to accept the resignation from Lexi Hilliker as Agriculture Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2024-2025 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

To approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Faith Yocum as Paraprofessional at the High School, effective February 4, 2025, Tyson Powers as Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach, and Kyler McNinch as Fresh/Soph Boys Track Coach. Motion carried with four yea votes. One vote abstained by Powers.

Upcoming Dates: School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 8, 2025-8:30 a.m.-Junior High School
Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, March 20, 2025, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:10 p.m. by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2025-2026 IHSA Membership Renewal
- 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 Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
March 2025

School Activities:

- On March 7th we held our Central School Assembly to introduce our Conscious Discipline skill and review our school wide reading goal.
- Read Across America Week was held the week of March 3- March 7. Students participated in several fun reading activities. We ended our week with a surprise t-rex guest reader during our assembly. Students had to guess the identity of our t-rex, which was very difficult to do thanks to Ms. Rodriguez's masterful art of disguise. Everyone loved it!
- The PTC Pancake Breakfast was a huge success! Special thanks to our students, teachers, families, community members, and volunteers for all of their hard work!
- Top pancake ticket sellers were: Wyatt Akre, Ireland Morrissey, Addison Selover, Sloan Miller, and Teddy Klein. These students earned a VIP experience with the principal at Dixon Dairy Delite. Students made their own ice cream treats for breakfast!
- Preschool Screenings are scheduled for April 16 and 17.
- Kindergarten Screenings will be held at Central School on April 29 and May 1.
- Kindergarten Roundup is on May 6 at 6 p.m. in the Central School gym. Incoming kindergarten students and their families will have an opportunity to meet our kindergarten team, tour the school, and finalize paperwork.
- Our Central School Spring Concert will be held on April 16 at the Amboy High School gym.
- YWCA Body Safety presentations were held on March 12.
- Third Quarter report cards will be sent home on March 21.
- Spring parties will be held on March 21 from 2:30-3:00 p.m.

School Improvement:

- Staff attended Part II of Mental Health First Aid training on our March 10 SIP Day.
- 5 Essentials Survey Update for Central School
 - Students: 100%
 - Staff: 94%
 - 30 out of 32 have completed the survey. The 2 people who have not completed the survey are no longer working in our school. I have requested ISBE delete them in hopes of reaching 100%.
 - Parents: 32%

PBIS:

- March's Conscious Discipline skill is positive intent. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson to students.



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

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Monday, February 24th a faculty meeting was held to discuss the IAR/ISA and SLO's.
- On Monday, March 10th a faculty meeting was held to discuss the IAR/ISA and 5 Essentials.
- During our SIP Day afternoon, a faculty meeting was held, mentor/mentees met, and the faculty/staff went through part 2 of student mental health/first aid.

PBIS:

- On Monday, March 10th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Taiden Payne and Emery Williams
 - 6th Grade- Jamison Meyer and Cozy Schoenholz
 - 7th Grade- Cooper Fox and Teagan Moore
 - 8th Grade- Scarlett Payne and Richard Contreras
 - P.E.- Sydney Noble and Natalee Feaster
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Everly Boyle, Selena Daffer, JioVanny Fonderoli, Paisley Kant, TJ Marsh, Owen Schaeffer, Ali Althaus, Leah Bodmer, Cheyenne Hufford, Chandler Reber, Levi Atkinson, Thomas Payne, Hunter Roberts, Anthony Sus, Cooper Welch, Savannah Hufford, Grace Zambrano, and Tinley Helms.
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Arly Kaecker and Tina Lindenmeyer
 - o We recognized Girls Basketball, Jr. Beta, and Concert Band
 - o Grade Level Competition

School Activities:

- The 5th/6th Grade Girls Basketball Team finished 2nd at the RRVC Tournament.
- The 7th/8th Grade Girls Basketball Team finished 4th at the RRVC Tournament.
- On March 4th and 5th Mrs. Lindenmeyer took the 8th grade Jr. Beta students to the yearly convention in Springfield.
- On Monday, March 10th students took the 5 Essentials Survey.
- During the week of March 10th, students took the IAR and ISA state assessments. Make-ups will be during the week of March 17th.
- On Friday, March 14th students previewed the AHS Spring Musical.
- Track and Field is off and running with the coaches being Steve Cohrs, Mike Kolton, and Erica Boyle.



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Tyler Huggins.
- March 5th, the Art classes went on a field trip to The Figge Art Museum in Davenport, IA. Students had a guided tour and then created weavings in an art workshop.
- On February 18th, the FFA had 4 students compete in section 2 proficiency interviews, and all 4 won the section. Then on March 6th, they competed at the district level.
 - Natalie Pratt - Ag Education - 1st at section 2, 1st at district 1, interviewing at state on March 22
 - Jarrett Althaus - Beef Production - 1st at section 2, 1st at district 1, interviewing at state on March 22
 - Brysen Full - Small Animal Production - 1st at section 2, 1st at district 1, interviewing at state on March 22
 - Grace Althaus - Outdoor Recreation - 1st at section 2, 2nd at district 1
- For FFA week, the officers read the book "Click, Clack, Moo" & did an arts/craft at Central Elementary with the elementary classes. The chapter also put on the annual petting zoo in the ag shop for all Central School students.
- On February 26th, Mrs. Hilliker's classes visited the Crestview Showpigs farm to learn about commercial swine operations and show pig operations.
- On February 28th, Natalie Pratt, Tyler Huggins, and Kenley Wilson were invited to present at the Cultivating Connections conference, representing Amoy. Cultivating Connections is a conference for area administrators to learn more about the importance/benefits of agriculture education, and we were honored to be invited as an example FFA chapter. Natalie led her own workshop and Tyler & Kenley demonstrated our chapter's activities at a table with a tri-fold poster.
- On March 1st, the FFA worked with the Amoy FFA Alumni at the annual trivia night, and the event raised \$7,000 to support the chapter activities.
- Emma Dinges (a 2024 graduate) has been approved by the state of Illinois to be recommended to receive her American FFA Degree at the National FFA Convention in October.
- Tyler Huggins, Jarrett Althaus, Grace Althaus, Anna Carlson, and Kenley Wilson are all being approved to receive their state FFA degrees at the June state FFA Convention.



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- The FFA has also been constructing a gaga ball arena, which will be set up over at Central for the Elementary school to use.

School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Method Learning lessons to prepare for the ACT and PreACT coming up in April.
 - Digital Citizenship lesson on the Health Effects of Social Media
 - SEL lessons on what to do when people are being bullied and how to have meaningful conversations with peers
- SIP day was held on March 10th. Students participated in 5 sessions called “Adulting Day”. Sessions included how to make meals, do taxes, iron a shirt, tie a tie, change tires, check oil, administer basic first aid, clean a bathroom, learn to deal with toxic relationships, write thank you notes, and practice mindfulness.
 - PRIDE awards were handed out to:
 - Ellie McLaughlin, Charlotte Patterson, Addason McIntyre, Morgan Krieser, Brysen Full, Natalie Pratt, Caylee Hummel, Leighton Gulley, Haylee Albee, Madi Heath, Kiera Karlson, Landon Carter, Dillon Merriman, Bryar Full.
- PowderBuff was held on March 7th. The senior class won, juniors took second place, sophomores took third place, and freshmen took fourth.
- Morp was held the night of March 7th, with about 70 students attending the blacklight dance.
- March 13th, 14th, and 15th, the cast, crew, and pit did a great job on their performances of "Into the Woods" Congratulations to all students, staff, parents, and community members who worked so hard preparing for this musical.
- Baseball, softball, and track have all started this month.
- Scholastic Bowl completed its season on March 10th. The team went 6-8 in conference at the varsity level and 9-5 in conference at the JV level. All members were freshmen and sophomores.
- Ag Class worked on and refinished the circulation desk in the library, it looks amazing!!
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- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Action: 2025-2026 School Calendar
- 6. Action: Memorandum of Understanding with the Lee County Sheriff's Office
- 7. Action: Executive Session
- 8. Action: Return to Open Session
- 9. Action: Student Discipline
- 10. Action: Personnel - Resignation
- 11. Action: Personnel - Hiring
- 12. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment