

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

Tuesday, May 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, APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
AMBOY 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 Yvonne Vicks, Kelly Viall, Emily Rose, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. Katie Pratt noted on all the Board's accomplishments and wanted all to have a 'feel-good' moment.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the March 8, 2025 retreat;
- Minutes of the March 20, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated November 14, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Nichole Stenzel announced that the election authority has provided the abstract of votes cast from the April 1, 2025 consolidated election. The number of votes received for the candidates in the election are as follows and will serve the four-year term of office: Katie Pratt-421, Mandy Powers-367, Elsa Payne-364, and Drew Montavon-353. The four read the Oath of Office, was congratulated and seated.

Reorganization of the Board was the next agenda item. Nichole Stenzel served as president pro tempore officer.

Nichole opened the floor to nominations for the office of President. Katie Pratt was nominated. There being no further nominations, Nichole declared Katie Pratt elected to the office of School Board President by acclamation.

President Pratt opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice-President. Drew Montavon was nominated. There being no further nominations, Katie declared Drew Montavon elected to the office of Vice-President by acclamation.

Nominations were then taken for the office of Secretary. Elsa Payne was nominated. There being no further nominations, Katie declared Elsa Payne elected to the office of Secretary by acclamation.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to appoint Rory White and Nick Brokaw to serve on the Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education until the next regular election, at which election they are elected to serve the remainder of their unexpired term. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. Rory and Nick then read the Oath of Office, was congratulated and seated.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the Board of Education meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The board agreed to move the second School Improvement Day in May from the 19th to the 21st due to the three emergency days in the winter that pushed the last day of school to the 29th.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 98% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$454,490 in sales tax revenue. This represents around 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 74% of the anticipated Evidence Based Funding. The district has used 73% this fiscal year.

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

Principals Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, and Jessica Meusel reviewed their presented reports that cover curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities.

For his report, Superintendent Nichols shared that Brian Lampe, Maintenance Director, continues to replace lights around the district and he had some summer workers come in over Spring Break to do some outside cleanup of the buildings. The Central School window project abatement starts soon.

FOIA Requests: 1) ACB requested 10 that consisted of three different years of financial data. The information is contained in the Annual Statement of Affairs and available on ISBE's website. 2) David Arvayo, Compliance Department Painters District Council No. 30, requested information about any upcoming projects that involve painting and glazing, district employees who do painting projects, and paint purchase invoices since January 1, 2025. These two were responded to in a timely manner.

Board Policy Review: Section 5: Personnel has been reviewed with no changes. The next to review is Section 8: Community Relations.

Received first reading of the 2025-2026 fee schedule. The district fees have remained the same for at least the last seven years. Total fee revenue so far this year is \$72,062.85. Individual building fees change on the class and the use.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the 2025-2026 IESA Registration, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the purchase of a 2024 Honda Odyssey Van, as presented. The vans are used on special routes. With this van, we have one spare in the fleet. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Amboy CUSD #272 and the Amboy Education Association, as presented. This allows teachers to use one sick day as a personal day per year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Education of Amboy CUSD 272 and the Board of Education of Ohio CESD 17 to consolidate volleyball, boys & girls basketball, and track programs for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, as presented.

At 7:05 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; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to approve the suspensions of students 4-17-25-1 through 4-17-25-12, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Adam Johnson as Custodian, effective April 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the following personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Brittany Barlow as Special Education Teacher at Central School, Kelly Viall as Agriculture Teacher at the High School, and Jill Royer as Title I Teacher at Central School, all effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried with six yeas and one abstention by Powers.

President Pratt announced the upcoming date:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Brooklyn Strub.

- FFA Happenings:
 - National Chapter Award Results
 - Building Communities - 1st place Section 2
 - Growing Leaders - 1st place Section 2
 - Strengthening Agriculture - 1st place Section 2
 - Section 2 Premier Chapter - Amoy
 - Amoy FFA is named a finalist from the state of Illinois (top 10% of Illinois FFA chapters)
 - The parliamentary procedure team was second in the state on May 1st.
 - Kenley Wilson, Natalie Pratt, Chase Huggins, Logan Ketchum, Grace Althaus, and Tyler Huggins
 - Grace Althaus (Reporter) and Jake Dinges (Treasurer) were elected as Section 2 FFA Officers for the 2025-2026 school year.

- We hosted the Amoy Invitational Art Show on Friday, April 25th. Millegeville and AFC attended. There were about 150 artworks and from those, Amoy received 25 ribbons including Best of Show 2D-Caylee Hummel & Best of Show 3D-Michelle Contreras

- On May 1st and 2nd, Student Council members, Ms. Harvey, and Ms Medlin had a great time at the IASC state convention. They learned a lot and grew as leaders.

- On May 5th, we participated in community service activities around town, where students cleaned up ditches and fields, helped at the fire department, teen turf, Depot Museum, bus garage, and read a book with a craft at Clipper Kiddies. Students did a great job helping our community look a little nicer.
 - PRIDE awards were handed out to:
 - Abigail Fox, Atticus Goff, Lane Goff, Brian Clements, Damian Bender, Dominic Fonderoli, Emma Chandler, Hunter Rasmussen, Jadyr Whelchel, Joe VanLoo, Landon Roath, Liam Ketchum, Olivia Ketchum, Madison Althaus, Michael Shoemaker, and Saydee Benavidez.
 - Seniors won the Alley Ball tournament and Gavin Spinelli won a heated game of musical chairs.



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School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Students had time to catch up on missing work and improve their grades before the end of the semester as well as finished their mySAEBRS questionnaire. This survey allows students to share how they are doing socially, emotionally, and feel they are doing academically in order to give a scale to provide necessary support services.

- Prom was held on May 3rd. Approximately 100 students attended. Special thanks to Mrs. Cleary for chairing prom and the junior students and parents who helped to make the event a success.
 - King: Brysen Full
 - Queen: Alainie Wittenauer

- Mrs. Crownhart honored Tyrah Vaessen and Addison Pertell at the Northwest Illinois Principals Brunch on May 9th. Both students won the drawing for a \$250 scholarship.

- May 5-9 was Teacher Appreciation Week. Special thanks to all the parents and student council members who kept us well-fed all week.

Looking forward:

- Baccalaureate on May 21st at St. Patrick Church.

- Honor's Night on May 22nd in the HS gym. Approximately 130 students will be honored, and over \$550,000 in scholarships and merit money will be earned.

- Graduation practice will be on May 23rd, during which the seniors will do an honor walk at Central.

- Graduation will be held on May 25th in the high school gym.

- Final Exams for Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors will be held on May 27, 28, 29.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
May 2025

School Activities:

- Congratulations to Wyatt Brokaw and Kendall Hopper for receiving IPA Student Leadership Awards.
- Muffins with Moms was a huge success! Thank you PTC!
- Our fourth grade students visited Amboy Junior High School on May 15 to explore the building and meet their new teachers.
- Central PTC provided a McDonald's happy meal during lunch for every student on May 16.
- Teachers participated in data meetings on May 14 to plan for students' needs in the fall.
- Morning preschool graduation will be held on May 22 and afternoon preschool graduation on May 23.
- On May 22 our Central School students will attend a Wild Animal Show in our very own gym. Our students earned over 20,000 AR points this year. Thank you PTC for sponsoring this special event!
- Track and Field Day will be held on May 27. Thank you PTC for the bounce houses and extra fun!
- On May 16 our students were invited to the Amboy Fire Department for an ice cream social. Thank you to our firefighters for making memories with our students!
- May 29 is the last day of student attendance and report card day.
- Our Awards assembly will be held by grade level on May 29 followed by a trip to Dairy Delite for ice cream! Parents are welcome to attend the assembly!



School Improvement:

- Our May 21 SIP day will be utilized to prepare end of year report cards.

PBIS:

- PBIS awards were presented to students for exemplary behavior at our awards assembly.



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

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Monday, May 5th during our SIP day, grade levels met for transition meetings and a faculty meeting was held to discuss the end of the year.
- On Thursday, May 7th the SIP team met with Anji Garza to discuss educational mandates, math curriculum pilot, schedule, and summer projects.
- On Monday, May 12th a faculty meeting was held to discuss Chromebook turn in procedures.

PBIS:

- On Monday, May 5th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Ava Unzueta and Tuc Bergfeld
 - 6th Grade- Avarie Failor and Blake Atkinson
 - 7th Grade- Vanessa Gross and Leah Bonnell
 - 8th Grade- Isabelle Klein and Adelynn Kreiser
 - P.E.- Anthony Sus and Rylen Koch
 - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Abel Camire, Jazlynn Ramirez, Liam Carter, Wilhemina Machen, Aimeelynn Moan, Mandi Ritter, DeShawn Robinson, Harper Shoemaker, Raylai Berogan, Alissa Buckley, Kyzin Gries, Zoie Peterson, Sarah Buckley, Kinsley Pogue, Evelyn Buckley, Catherine Wittenauer, Liam McBride, Delilah Horner, Lilly Dolan, Hannah Shoemaker, and Brody Tucker.
 - Positive Office Referrals- Zaelen Wilson and Jaxston Failor
 - Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Gaylene Noble and Sara Krabbenhoeft

- Scholastic Bowl and Drama Club was recognized and awards handed out.
- Mr. Full was taped to the fall to raise money for the American Heart Association, organized by AJHS Student Council.

School Activities:

- The District Art Show was displayed in the mall area from April 25th to May 9th.
- The 5th grade attended the Ag. Expo. on Friday, April 25th.
- The 7th grade attended their field trip to the Museum of Science and Industry on Friday, April 25th.
- On Saturday, April 26th AJHS hosted their annual Track and Field Invite with 12 teams participating.
- Spring Benchmark Testing was held the week of April 28th.
- On Wednesday, April 30th, AJHS hosted IESA Scholastic Bowl Regionals. The 7th/8th grade team finished 2nd.
- On Sunday, May 4th the Fine Arts Concert and Awards were held in the AHS Auditorium.
- On May 8th the 5th grade concluded their pizza unit with a trip to Maria's.
- On May 10th, the AJHS track and field team competed at Sectionals in Erie. Ian Hassler placed first in shot put and discus. Hannah Whitman placed first in discus. Both athletes will be competing at IESA State on Friday/Saturday May 16th/17th.
- On May 14th, the 4th grade students came over to experience a day in the life of a 5th grader.
- VIP Day was held on Friday, May 16th.

May 19th- 4th Quarter PBIS (Woodhaven)

May 20th- 4th Quarter PBIS (Woodhaven) Rain Date

May 21st- SIP Day (Goofy Games) 8th Grade Chromebook Turn in

May 22nd- 8th Grade Day

May 23rd- 8th Grade Awards Ceremony, 8th Grade Promotion Practice, and 8th Grade Promotion

May 26th- MEMORIAL DAY (NO SCHOOL)

May 27th- (Normal Day) 5th, 6th, and 7th Grade Chromebook Turn in

May 28th- (Normal Day)

May 29th- Last Day of Student Attendance (5th-7th Grade Awards Assembly)

May 30th- Teachers Institute

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2025-2026 Student Handbooks
- 6. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 7. Action: 2025-2026 Fee Schedule
- 8. Action: Preparation of the Tentative Budget Resolution
- 9. Action: Consolidated District Plan Application
- 10. Action: Firewall Agreement with DYOPATH
- 11. Action: Executive Session
- 12. Action: Return to Open Session
- 13. Action: Student Discipline
- 14. Action: Early Graduation
- 15. Action: Personnel - Retirement Resignation
- 16. Action: Personnel - Resignation
- 17. Personnel - Hiring
- 18. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment