

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

Tuesday, August 26, 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  
TUESDAY, JUNE 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 Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Andrew Full, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened for public comments. Superintendent Nichols asked for the approval of replacing some of the gutters at Central School. All were in favor. Principal Full and Yvonne Vicks presented the results and comparisons of the Junior High School spring reading and math tests.

Board Committee Reports: Elsa Payne reminded everyone of the Amboy Education Association golf outing.

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

- Minutes of the May 20, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated December 14, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received 104% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$565,549 in sales tax revenue. The district has used 85% this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to adopt the resolution authorizing continued summer business operations of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, as presented. This allows the district to expend funds until the 2025-2026 tentative budget is adopted and put on display in August and approved in September, to cover the expenses/bills during July when there is no board meeting, and grants the administration the ability to accept resignations and hire staff during the month of July. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) Window project at Central School. 2) Cleaning crews continue with summer cleaning. 3) Tuition reimbursement. 4) Community Solar update.

FOIA Request: CT Mills requested a staff directory. This information is publicly available on the district website.

Board Policy Review: Finish up reviewing Section 8 – Community Relations through June. It's the final review of the two-year cycle.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to adopt the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the 2025-2026 student handbooks, as presented. These are updated using the Illinois Principals Association's recommendations to keep compliant with the changes in school laws. The high school added that students will be required to place their phones in a classroom storage cabinet during class periods. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the IHSA application for cooperative team sponsorship with Ohio CHSD #505 for baseball for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the two service agreements with Pest Control Consultants, as presented. PCC's quote came in lower than Orkin. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the managed services agreement with DYOPATH, as presented. This is for managed tech services, provides an on-site technician, and a 10 hour a week on-site tech director. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:22 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel 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; security procedures; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne 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 6-17-25-1 through 6-17-25-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to accept the retirement resignation of Deb Cleary, according to the early retirement incentive of the collective bargaining agreement, effective at the conclusion of the 2028-2029 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Powers to accept the resignations of Mike Olson as Special Education Teacher at the Junior High, effective May 30, 2025 and Lisa Barnes as Bus Driver, effective May 29, 2025. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Montavon to approve the following personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Jacob Riley as Assistant to the Director of Transportation and Elisabeth Hicks as Bus Aide, both effective June 16, 2025. Monica Joerger as 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Math Teacher, Melissa Freeland as Special Education Teacher at the Junior High, Molly Schuster as Spanish Teacher at the High School, and Jacob Reynolds as English Teacher at the High School, all effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced that there's no July meeting and the next regular scheduled meeting is Thursday, August 21 at 6:30 p.m. in the Junior High.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Pratt, President

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_

- B. Confidential Executive Session Minutes
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
  - A. Review of Financial Reports
  - B. Student Activity Account
  - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
  - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School  
Principal's Report  
August 21st, 2025  
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

**Curriculum and School Improvement:**

- Throughout the summer the School Improvement Team has met to discuss the following topics: Scheduling, RtI, 5 Essentials, Significant 48, State Mandates, Special Education, etc...
- New teacher orientation was held on August 7<sup>th</sup> to welcome new staff members and cover district policies, evaluations, discipline, importance of setting routines, etc...
- Faculty and staff met on August 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> for Teachers' Institute where various topics were discussed (welcome back, return to school, faculty meetings, Significant 48, discipline, data collection, mandated trainings, SLO's, special education, SEL, SmartPass, etc...)

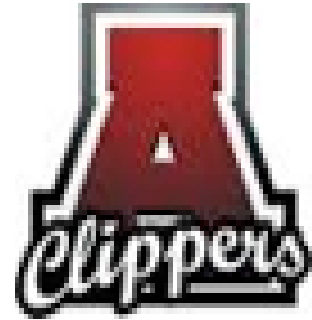
**PBIS:**

**School Activities:**

- 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade volleyball has started with the coaches being Lisa Moore, Lindsey Kaleel, Haylie Barrera, and Courtney Thompson. We have 58 girls signed up and practicing.
- On August 11<sup>th</sup> we hosted our 5<sup>th</sup> grade Back to School Night and had all but two students show up.
- On August 13<sup>th</sup> we hosted our 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade Back to School Night and had all but 18 students show up.
- Faculty, staff, and students went through the Significant 48 during the first two days of school.
- Thank you to all the summer workers and custodians for making the school look great!



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



### **Curriculum and School Improvement**

- Student of the Year for 2024-2025 was Kenley Wilson!
- We have 8 students attending SVCC and then AHS for 4 classes, 16 co-op & Internship students (with 2 on the wait list), 43 attending AHS in the morning then WACC in the afternoon, and one attending the morning CEO program and AHS in the afternoon.
- We would like to welcome Molly Schuster - Spanish, Kelly Viall - Agriculture, Jacob Reynolds - English 2 and 4..
- August 5th, Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs Bulfer attended CPI refresher training at Chana Education Center.
- July 17th, Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs Bulfer attended a Crisis Management Training at SVCC. This course walked us through the reunification process and the role of law enforcement and medical personnel during an armed intruder crisis.

### **School Activities**

- Fall sports are underway with football, volleyball, golf and cross-country maintaining their co-op agreements from last year. Marching band, cheer, flags, and dance have been practicing hard as well.
- "Meet the Clippers" will take place on August 22nd, starting at 4:30 in the HS gym with a volleyball team scrimmage, followed by a recognition of the rest of the fall activities at the football field around 6 pm.

### **Building Activities**

- Mr. Wagner and the summer custodial crew once again did a fantastic job preparing the school for the students' return and did a great job of allowing access to as many areas as possible throughout the summer.



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- Student Council did a great job hosting the Freshmen/New student orientation on August 12th. Students went through their schedules, made locker signs, played games, and had questions about high school answered.
- Education, manufacturing, nursing and agricultural pathways have been approved for this school year. We are planning to meet monthly with students in the program to make sure they are making adequate progress.
- New teachers met with Mrs. Crownhart a couple times over the summer and on August 7th to get acclimated with the school and how our school year runs.
- Teachers Institute was held on August 12th and 13th. Teachers were trained on SmartPass, Blocks, and MethodLearning as well as challenged to use AI to help guide activities and self-created quizzes.
- We held the 1st day of school activities on August 14th with games, music, challenges, and goal setting. We also completed our bus evacuation drill. Special thanks to the Student Council Officers, Elly McLaughlin and Kiera Karlson for leading the day and Ms Harvey for helping to organize it. Congratulations to the JUNIORS for winning the 1st spirit stick of the year.
- Focus for the year is on College & Career Readiness Standard of Attendance. 8 or fewer absences in the year is the goal. Monthly prizes for all who meet a goal as well as semester and yearly random prizes for those who are excelling with attendance.
- Phone boxes have been placed in every classroom to help with distractions during class time. No student should have their phones during the 40 minute class periods.

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

**School Activities:**

- WINDOWS at Central School are a GAME CHANGER! Thank you, thank you, thank you!
- 7 teachers received new classroom furniture due to the generous donation of Central School PTC. AEF also contributed. We are SO grateful! Our school is looking fabulous!
- Thank you to our custodians and summer crew for their hard work cleaning and refreshing our school. Many new jobs were tackled and the school looks phenomenal!
- Preschool classes are scheduled to begin on August 20. There are 40 preschoolers enrolled and we have a waiting list.
- The Book-It committee met this summer to prepare and plan for our “Rock and Read” theme at Central. Students who meet their reading goal will participate in fun monthly activities beginning in September.
- Back to School Night was held on August 12 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Parents and students dropped off supplies, visited teachers, and toured the school. Thank you to our teachers and staff for our red carpet treatment for our VIP students.
- Bus Evacuation Drill was held on Monday, August 18.
- We welcomed the following staff to Central School:
  - Jill Royer- Title I teacher
  - Brittany Barlow- Special Education teacher
  - Maggie Lowery- 3rd Grade student teacher
  - Sophie Woods- Speech student teacher

**School Improvement:**

- On August 11 classroom teachers came back a day early to attend Benchmark Advance training for our ELA pilot.
- During our August 13 Institute Day teachers participated in a full day of Leader in Me training.
- Leader in Me, Benchmark Advance pilot, and developing the social/emotional/behavioral side of our MTSS system will be our 3 major areas of focus for this school year.

**PBIS:**

- At Central, Clipper Cash will be used to reward positive behaviors.
- PBIS Boot Camp Basic introduced students to behavior expectations on Monday, August 18.

- B. Superintendent Reports
- C. FOIA Requests
- D. Board Policy Review
- 5. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
- 6. Action: Executive Session
- 7. Action: Return to Open Session
- 8. Action: Early Graduation
- 9. Action: Withdrawal Request
- 10. Action: Personnel
- 11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment