

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

Thursday, October 16, 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, SEPTEMBER 25, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
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, Katie Lahman, Janet Crownhart, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2025-2026 budget. The tentative budget that was presented in August has been on display as required by law. The budget has been since updated to reflect current staffing, projected revenue changes, additional spending in Health Life Safety for potential projects, and a significant change in Ogle County Educational Copperative costs following the reduction in special education reimbursement. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. There were none. There were no comments and /or questions from the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adopt the 2025-2026 budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

There were no Board Committee Reports.

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

- Minutes of the August 7, 2025 finance meeting;
- Minutes of the August 26, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated March 9, 2024 & March 19, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For his financial report, Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received \$7,692,381/ 51% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$112,460 in sales tax revenue. The district has used 16%/\$1,691,266 this fiscal year.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel and Janet Crownhart reviewed their presented reports.

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) Sauk Valley Reunification Plan training. 2) HVAC issues and repairs. 3) Fire alarm system at Central. 4) Football field bleachers.

FOIA requests received: Owen Wang, NW Illinois News, requested three. Students who were honored by the College Board as AP Scholars, names of last year's Middle School graduates and what high school they went on to attend, and copies of all active teacher and principal contracts. Matt Stockwell, The Data Branch, requested vendor and purchasing information. Peter Medlin, WNIJ Public Radio, requested contracts the district has for AI-based education services. Superintendent Nichols responded to all and complied in a timely manner.

Quotes for district radios were presented for discussion. Superintendent Nichols shared that the current radios used for buses and the buildings have become obsolete. We need radios that can reach between the buildings.

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

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to adopt the Illinois Vision 2030 resolution, as presented. This is based around three pillars of education improvement: Future Focused Learning, Shared Accountability, and Predictable Funding. School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to adopt the Bullying Prevention Policy, as presented. This contains all the necessary language to ensure compliance with the state legislature. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:04 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Powers 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, matters relating to individual students, and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:31 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 Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the suspensions of students 9-25-25-1 through 9-25-25-15, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the early graduation request of student #26012, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the employment of the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Joy Moan as Bus Aide, John Spinelli as Fresh/Soph Wrestling Coach, and Nicole Jones and Sean Shepard as Sophomore Volleyball Coaches. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Northwest Division Zoom Meeting-Thursday, October 2, 2025-7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, October 16, 2025-AJHS-6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the board, a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Presentation of Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC
 - B. 2025 Annual Financial Audit Report
 - C. Review of Financial Reports
 - D. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Grace Althaus.
- On Sept 24th, Anna Carlson and Grace Althaus attended the Section 2 FFA Ag Ed Career Development Event. Anna placed 3rd and Grace placed 1st and will be moving on to the District competition in October.
- On September 30th, FFA took 12 students to the land use contest. For the event, students have to fill out an evaluation scorecard that answers questions about how the land/soil can be used for agricultural purposes and how the location can be used for homesite purposes. Overall the team placed 1st. As individuals, Chuck Wilson was 1st, Anna Carlson was 4th, Jose Lopez was 7th, Liam Ketchum was 9th, and Keaton Thompson was 12th!
- On October 1st Mrs Crownhart and Mr Full attended the "I Love u Guys" Standard Response Protocol and Standard Reunification method.
- On October 8th, FFA took 10 kids to Leadership Training School.
- 9 junior students took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 16th. This optional test allows students to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

School Activities

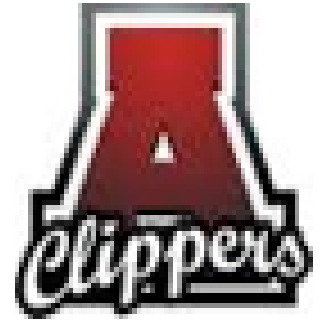
- Picture Retakes were held on September 24th.
- The band participated in the Harvest Time Parade in Oregon on October 5th. The Flags & Poms placed 1st.

Looking Ahead

- 1st Quarter ends on October 17th, with PT Conferences on Oct 23rd & 24th
- Final exams will be held on December 18th, 19th, and 20th.



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Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
October 2025

School Activities:

- Thank you to Central PTC for a super successful Donuts with Dudes. Students and family members enjoyed donuts and a fall photo booth.
- Kindergarteners visited Tanner's Orchard for their class field trip on October 1.
- Third graders went on a field trip to Lowell Park for Outdoor Stewardship on October 2.
- On October 6 we had a school assembly to recognize our rockstars of the week and celebrate our AR point total.
- On October 9 our students enjoyed NED's Resiliency Ride assembly where they focused on never giving up, encouraging others, and doing their best. The yo yo tricks were a hit and the message was well received by our students.
- On October 10 students celebrated reaching their individual reading goals by dressing up like rockstars.
- Thank you to the Amboy Fire Department and Amboy High School volunteers for teaching our students about fire safety on October 10. Our students learned a lot and received information to take home and share with their parents.
- Fourth graders are painting pumpkins with Mrs. Goslin. Thank you to Jim Travi and the Amboy Lions Club for donating pumpkins for our fourth graders.

School Improvement:

- On October 6 Kimberly, our Benchmark Advance coach, came to Central School and modeled ELA lessons in each of our grade levels. Teachers participated in a debrief session after each observation.
- Kindergarten teachers entered KIDS assessment data on October 17.

PBIS:

- October's Leader in Me skill is Be Proactive. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to reinforce our daily Leader in Me lessons.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
October 16th, 2025
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On Thursday, October 9th the SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: summative designation, data reports, and next steps.
- On Thursday, October 9th the SIP team along with Mr. Delimata, Ms. Stringer, Anji Garza, Michelle Sanders, and Tabatha Behrens met as the student success team to identify students who need intervention services.

PBIS:

- On Wednesday, October 22nd, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade-
 - 6th Grade-
 - 7th Grade-
 - 8th Grade-
 - P.E.-
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-
 - o Positive Office Referral-
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
 - o “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.

School Activities:

- The 5th/6th grade girls volleyball team finished 2nd at the RRVC Tournament.
- The 7th/8th grade girls volleyball team finished 2nd at the RRVC Tournament.

- Boys basketball is underway with the coaches being Steve Cohrs (5th/6th), Trese McNinch (7th), and Chris Payne (8th). We have 50 boys signed up to play.
- On October 22nd the jr. high held their first quarter celebration. Students received snacks and watched a movie.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Radio Replacement Quote
6. Action: Executive Session
7. Action: Return to Open Session
8. Action: Student Discipline
9. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment