

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

Tuesday, November 18, 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, OCTOBER 16, 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, Ryan Steines, Yvonne Vicks, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

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

Board Committee Reports: There were none.

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

- Minutes of the September 25, 2025, open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated April 18, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The next order of business was the presentation of the Annual Financial Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC. According to the report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Amboy Community Unit School District #272 as of June 30, 2025, and its revenue received and expenditures disbursed during the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the Annual Financial Audit Report as of June 30, 2025, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. Revenue: The district has received \$10,771,237 (72%) for the year and \$176,601 in sales tax revenue. Expenses: The district has used \$4,401,565 (26%) of its operating funds.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel and Andrew Full summarized their presented reports. Each report contains recent curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS events.

Superintendent Nichols gave an update on the following items from the presented maintenance report: 1) Three univents failed. Helm repaired. 2) Brian Lampe painted the front of the Junior High. 3) Football field bleacher plans and estimates.

FOIA Requests: Owen Wang, NW Illinois News requested names of newly-inducted NHS members. This was submitted in a timely manner. He also asked for NMSC winners. There were no records available. Steve Watts, Angleton, TX requested information on all school district employees. He was told that this information is publicly available on the website and shared the link.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to approve the radio replacement quote from Barracuda Communications, as presented. This was presented and discussed at the September meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:03 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to move to executive session to discuss 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 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 10-16-25-1 through 10-16-25-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m., Central School

Triple I Chicago Conference – November 20-23

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 7:27 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. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. 2025 Tentative Tax Levy
 - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
November 18th, 2025**
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- The School Improvement Team met on October 28th with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: Data Dive, IQRF, and Summative Designation.
- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, November 3rd to discuss the following topics: Summative Designation, IQRF Indicators, Open Seat Policy, and IAR Score Reviews.
- A faculty meeting was held on Monday, November 10th to discuss the first two IQRF indicators.
- On Tuesday, November 11th the faculty and staff at AJHS met with Anji Garza to do a data dive into our summative designation and IAR scores.

PBIS:

- On Tuesday, November 11th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Elly O'Malley and Cash Henkel
 - 6th Grade- Taiden Payne and Auggie Boyle
 - 7th Grade- Cozy Schoenholz and Kensley Helm
 - 8th Grade- Jaxon Hudson and Rylen Kock
 - P.E.- Blake Mumm and Everett Walter
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Oren Evans, Jonathan Hurst, Henry Meusel, Theo Warner, Harper Shoemaker, Rudra Patel, Zoie Petersen, Tinley Helms, Hunter Roberts, Levi Atkinson, Zoey Zambrano, Ben Bodmer, Aspen Decker, Ellie Henkel, Paisley Kant, Leah Bodmer, Ethan Farster, Julius Jones, Alice Klein, Emersyn Miller, and Kaylee Williams.

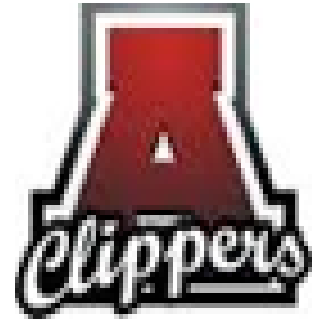
- Positive Office Referral- Jaxston Failor, Kendall Helms, Annelise Considine, Makayla Phillips, and Scott Willstead.
- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
- “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.
- “I See You” Awards
- Fannie May top sales awards

School Activities:

- Young Authors has started with Yvonne Vicks as the sponsor and there are ten students participating.
- On October 17th, 8th grade students attended the Pathways Playground by the ROE and hosted by SVCC.
- On October 22nd, AJHS hosted their ELA/Soc. St. Glow Night and 47 students participated.
- On October 23rd and 24th AJHS hosted Parent/Teacher Conferences.
- Over the past few weeks, Mrs. Spreeman has taken her ELA and Creative Writing classes over to Central to read to the younger students.
- On Friday, November 3rd the jr. high attended the high school fall play preview. Thank you to Mrs. Katie Henkel for inviting us.
- On Monday, November 10th Mrs. Viall and the AJHS ag. students hosted our chapter signing event. AJHS is now the 151st jr. high/middle school to have an FFA Chapter. Thank you to all of those who attended.
- On Tuesday, November 11th the jr. high attended our Veterans Day Program. Thank you to Mrs. Jessica Meusel for planning and preparing for this event.



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Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Micah Miller!!
- Peyton Payne was selected as the September Student of the Month for Early Childhood Education at WACC.
- On September 30th, Mr Kolton led a financial aid night. Sauk Valley's financial aid office presented and ISAC was present to help senior families set up their usernames and passwords for the FAFSA.
- Mrs. Bulfer attended the Illinois Principal's Association Conference from October 19th to 21st. She attended multiple sessions to gain new ideas and insights for the coming school year.
- Mrs Crownhart attended a job fair at Illinois State University on October 21st to start recruiting new teachers for known open positions for next school year.
- During Parent-Teacher conferences, ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) had a representative present to help families with filling out the FAFSA application.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 23rd and 24th.
- On October 22nd, the SIP day contained games for students, Clipper PRIDE awards, "Mint to Be Here" awards, Adulting topics, and Career Presentations. While the day is full of many things, students are able to ask questions and learn about new things.
 - Pride award winners: Michael Ackert, Amari Aune, Dakota Beach, Amylia Bump, Matthew Farrar, Natalee Feaster, Breanna Fields, Andrew Fisher, Ty Florschuetz, Ian Hassler, Andrew Hummel, Hayden Hunsberger, Haydan Nissen, Natalie Skrzypa, Aden Spinelli, Abel Valdez, Nicholas Warner, Tanner Welch
 - "Mint to Be Here" - 72 of 203 students had perfect attendance from 9/8-10/15. 53 students have had perfect attendance for the school year so far



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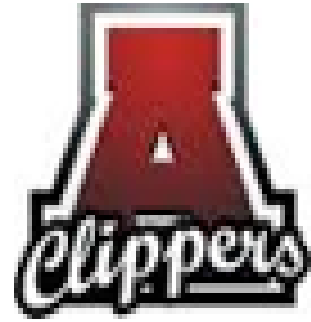
- On November 11th, the SIP day contained Clipper PRIDE awards, “Mint to be here” awards, Adulting topics, and career presentations, along with the Veterans Day Ceremony. Thank you to Mrs. Meusel for organizing the event and PE classes for helping to set up the chairs.
 - Pride Award winners: Richard Contreras, Gavin Nichols, Landon Carter, Aubrey Gabbard, Caylee Hummel, Abbi Fox, Tyler Mahar, Jason Hemmen, Kaitlyn Dempsey, Addason McIntyre, Tucker McCoy, Brian Xlements, Emma Richardson, Gage Mumm, Henry Nichols, Addison Bump, Channing Bellows, Leah Dempsey.
 - “Mint to Be Here” - 101 of 203 students had perfect attendance from 10/16 - 11/5. 39 students have had perfect attendance for the school year so far
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School Activities

- During homeroom this month, students have been working on the next few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons and videos of stress and time management, being distracted with devices, health and wellness and then watching a digital citizenship video on evaluating evidence. We also had visits from multiple colleges and the navy this month during lunch.
- Student Council hosted BINGO night on October 19th. They said it went well.
- The Academic Bowl team participated in the Stateline Quiz Bowl on November 9th in Rockford. It will air January 24th and 25th.
- Fall play, “Exposed” took place on November 7th, 8th, and 9th. The cast, crew, and staff did a great job!
- Student Council hosted a Blood Drive on November 14th.



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Looking Ahead

- Cost without Care will be held on December 13th. Families can come and “shop” for Christmas items for free. All items were donated and the goal is to get things into the hands of people that want them. Donations will be accepted for community members to come “shop”. Any leftover materials will then be donated to local shelters.
- Final exams will be held on December 17th, 18th, and 19th.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
November 2025

School Activities:

- Parent Teacher conferences were held on October 23 and 24. 94% of our parents attended parent/teacher conferences.
- Fall Parties were held on October 31 and students enjoyed their first quarterly PBIS celebration. Students decorated cookies, had a dance party, and played trivia games.
- Our Central School Family Engagement Committee held their first ever Trunk or Treat. We had 16 organizations participate! Thank you to our community for their support!
- Students who met their individual AR goal participated in an exciting game of Name That Tune! We awarded prizes to 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place classrooms.
- On November 4 we had an all school assembly to recognize our rockstars of the week and update our school reading goal.
- Students earned 5,000 AR points so we celebrated with a school wide musical instrument relay race.
- On November 11 we held our district wide Veterans Day Assembly. Special thanks to our veterans, music department, student speakers, and staff for their involvement.
- Our family engagement committee along with the help of our Central PTC is planning a family movie night at Central School on December 5. Families are invited to enjoy free cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa.
- PTC held their annual Selmi's Donut Fundraiser. Thank you to our families and community for supporting PTC!

School Improvement:

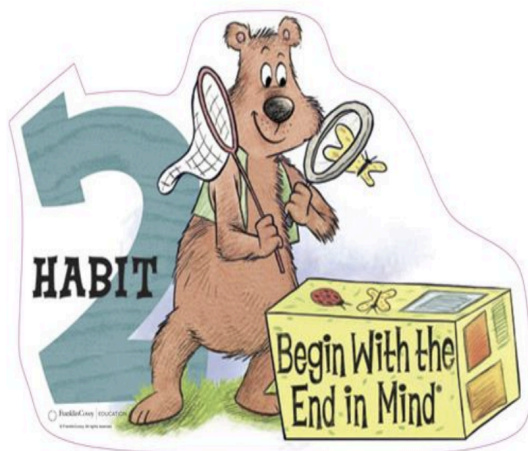
- On October 22 Lighthouse Team members participated in Core 1 training. The Core 1 Lighthouse Team training in the *Leader in Me* program focuses on establishing the team that will lead the school-wide implementation, developing foundational leadership skills, and creating an initial implementation plan.
- On October 22 special education teachers, paraprofessionals, speech therapists, occupational therapists, and social workers participated in ARIS training. ARIS is a complete, research-driven curriculum for autism, special education or preschool students. ARIS builds essential skills in language, motor development, social-emotional growth, self-help, functional routines, and early academic

readiness. Designed to create a personalized learning plan to close developmental gaps, ARIS brings students closer to learning alongside their peers, helping them achieve academic readiness and lifelong success.

- On November 11 our ELA pilot teachers met to hear the perspectives of other grade level teams. We evaluated the resource in its ability to develop our students' skills in the following areas; phonemic awareness, phonics, fluency, comprehension, vocabulary, and writing. We wrap up our pilot at the end of December with each grade level team completing an agreed upon rubric. Staff members will then teach Wit and Wisdom for the 3rd quarter and we will go through the same debrief process to identify if we would like to recommend the adoption of Benchmark Advance or stay with Wit and Wisdom.
- On November 11 Central Staff also participated in task force meetings focused on PBIS, Book-It, Family Engagement.
- On November 11 Lighthouse Team members finished up the remaining portion of Core 1 training.
- Central School scored a 65.53 overall score on our Illinois School Report Card which received a commendable designation. Thank you to the Central School staff for their dedication and thank you to our students for their hard work.

PBIS:

- November's Leader in Me focus is Begin with the End in Mind. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson.



Have a Plan!

Set goals for yourself and plan ahead.

Always be prepared.

Think about how the choices you make now will affect you later.

Think about the positive or negative consequences of your actions before you act.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of Issue 120 of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
6. Action: 10-Year Health Life Safety Plan
7. Action: Executive Session
8. Action: Return to Open Session
9. Action: Student Discipline
10. Action: Personnel
11. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment