

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

Thursday, March 19, 2026
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
 - 1)
 - Elizabeth Hennessey
 - 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 19, 2026 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. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Jeannine Otto, Philip Arellano, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jenny Apple.

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

Board Committee Reports: FFA Alumni Trivia Night is March 7, 2026 & Amboy Education Foundation Wine & Cheese Gala tickets are available for April 11, 2026.

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

- Minutes of the January 22, 2026 open & closed meetings;
- Keep all executive session minutes from May 20, 2025 through November 18, 2025 closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 8, 2024 and August 28, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that 93% of the anticipated revenue has been received for the year and \$425,264 in sales tax revenue. This is about 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 55% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 60% this fiscal year.

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

Principals Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel summarized their presented reports on curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities. There was an inquiry why 4th grade students don't participate in the Spelling Bee. Being only her second year, Principal Meusel couldn't answer that question but others knew that 4th grade hasn't participated for quite some time.

Superintendent Nichols announced that the new boiler was installed in the Central School library wing.

FOIA Requests: 1) Michael Henry requested background check information for school board members and the names of the district's legal counsel. They are not employees so are not required to undergo a background check, therefore, no records were provided. Names of the two law firms that represent the school district were provided. 2) IL Retired Teachers Association asked for names and emails of any retiring this year. There are none and responded as such. 3) SmartProcure requested purchasing and vendor information. This was responded to in a timely manner.

The first reading of the 2026-2027 school calendar was presented. The calendar is similar to this year's calendar.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the agreement from Helm Service for the boiler project at Central School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of the High School football field bleachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:46 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne 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 8:07 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 2-19-26-1 through 2-19-26-14, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to accept the resignations of Gregory Wolf as Science Teacher at the Junior High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2025-2026 school year; Adeline Doyle as Cook, effective February 23, 2026; and Erica Boyle as Junior High Girls Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Anthony Aseves as 240-Day Custodian at the High School, effective February 20, 2026, and Donna Medora and Nichole Helm as Bus Aides. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced the upcoming date: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, March 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High School

Superintendent Nichols reminded all of the SVCC Amboy Clippers IMPACT Challenge Meeting on February 25, 2026, at 6:00 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:11 p.m. by Powers and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2026-2027 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 Jr. High School
Principal's Report
March 19th, 2026**
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- A faculty meeting was held on February 19th to discuss the administration of the 5 Essentials Survey.
- A faculty meeting was held on March 2nd to discuss state testing (IAR/ISA)
- During our SIP day afternoon the faculty and staff of AJHS met with Anji Garza to discuss student growth and proficiency. Faculty and staff also received training on AI by Ben Sondgeroth.
- Grade level team meetings were held on March 12th to discuss students/problem solve, field trips, and students of the month/positive post cards.

PBIS:

- On Monday, March 9th we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Kendall Hopper and Noah Valdez
 - 6th Grade- Ellie Henkel and Annelise Considine
 - 7th Grade- Alice Klein and Greyson Henkel
 - 8th Grade- Vanessa Gross and Hunter Roberts
 - P.E.- Vern Patterson and Gunner Christoffersen
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Olivia Henkel, Noah Valdez, Dilynn Whitney, Everly Boyle, Evelyn Buckley, Caitlyn Hummel, Brooklyn Larson, TJ Marsh, Aiden Meyers, Owen Schaeffer, Jackson Scully, Blake Atkinson, Reagan Miller, Cooper Fox, Wade McCoy, Thomas Payne, Tommy Steger, and Avery Wittenauer.
 - o Positive Office Referral- Ben Bodmer and Natalee Hellquist
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Sarah Land and Noah DeLong

- “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.
- “I See You” Awards- Katie Bulfer, Belinda Lewis, and Kaylee Torres
- Girls Basketball was recognized.
- Jr. Beta Awards
- Jr. Beta Volleyball Tournament

School Activities:

- On February 23rd, students took the 5 Essentials Survey.
- 5th/6th grade girls basketball competed in the RRVC tournament on February 28th.
- 7th/8th grade girls basketball competed in the RRVC tournament on March 4th and 5th. They placed 4th.
- 8th grade Jr. Beta members attended the state convention in Springfield on March 3rd and 4th.
- Scott Willstead competed in the FFA District Proficiency Interviews on March 4th and placed 2nd.
- 5th grade went on their field on March 6th to Slick City.
- Track and Field started on March 9th with around 60 athletes participating. Steve Cohrs and Mike Kolton are the coaches.
- On March 12th the Amboy Jr. High School FFA placed 2nd in the Conduct of Chapter Meetings Contest and will be moving on to the district competition. Amelia Nichols placed 2nd as chairman, Michael Dallam was 5th place floor member, Kenna Alletto was 6th place floor member, Alexis White was 7th place floor member, Eyan O’Malley was 8th place floor member and Kaiya Kaleel was 10th place floor member.
- IAR/ISA testing was completed the week of March 16th with makeups being done the week of March 23rd.
- AJHS was invited to attend the spring musical preview on March 20th.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
March 2026

School Activities:

- On February 27 our students played musical chairs in PE to celebrate their February reading goals.
- On March 2nd we held our Central School Assembly to introduce our Leader in Me habit: Synergize and review our school wide reading goal.
- Read Across America Week was held the week of March 2nd. Students participated in several fun reading activities.
- 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: Leo Klein, Hudson Barlow, Parker Nauman, Ireland Morrissey, Madison Draper, and Ryker Morrissey. These students earned a VIP experience with the principal at Amboy Dairy Delite. Students will make their own ice cream treats at the store!
- Our students earned 15,000 AR points! We are going to Dance through the Decades on March 27.
- Preschool Screenings are scheduled for March 18 and 19.
- Kindergarten Screenings will be held at Central School on May 5 and May 7.
- Kindergarten Roundup is on May 12 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 21 at the Amboy High School gym.
- YWCA Body Safety refresher presentations were held in March.
- Third Quarter report cards will be sent home on March 20.
- Spring parties will be held on March 27 from 2:30-3:00 p.m.
- Our Central School students are heading to the movies on March 20 for their good behavior! Students will watch “Hoppers” at the Sterling Theater. In the afternoon they will walk to Amboy High School for a preview of the Spring musical “The Lion King Jr.”

School Improvement:

- Staff attended AI training with Ben Sondgeroth on our March SIP day. See the next page for a Leader in Me song we created with AI! It is AWESOME! Our students are preparing a Leader in ME presentation for the April board meeting.
- ELA pilot teachers met and debriefed about Wit and Wisdom. Next steps include rubric completion, a side by side data comparison, a final discussion, then a vote to make our decision.
- 5 Essentials Survey Update for Central School
 - Students: 100%
 - Staff: 97%
 - Parents: 30%

PBIS:

- March’s Leader in Me habit is Synergize. Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson to students.

Synergize

“Together is Better”

Synergy is celebrating differences, working together, being open minded, and finding new and better ways.

This means that I know everyone is good at something. I know that everyone needs to get better at something, and I know that we can all learn something from each other.

Working in groups helps create better ideas than what one person can do alone.



Amboy Leaders in Me

[Verse 1]

Wake up

Amboy

New day starting

Got my planner

Got my heart in

First things first

I choose what matters

I'm in charge

I'm climbing ladders

Be proactive

That's my power

Tiny choices every hour

Begin with the end in mind

See my future

Then I grind

[Chorus]

We're the leaders

Leaders in me

Amboy shining for the world to see (hey!)

Seven habits in our song

Step by step

We're brave and strong

We're the leaders

Leaders in me

Watch us grow into who we can be (oh!)

Amboy hearts

One family

Seven habits

Leaders in me

[Verse 2]

Put first things first

I do my best

Homework done before I rest

Think win-win with every friend

We both shine

We both ascend

Seek to understand you first

Hear your story

Quench that thirst

Then I share what's inside me

Now we talk respectfully

[Chorus]

We're the leaders

Leaders in me

Amboy shining for the world to see (hey!)

Seven habits in our song

Step by step

We're brave and strong

We're the leaders

Leaders in me

Watch us grow into who we can be (yeah!)

Amboy hearts

One family
Seven habits
Leaders in me

[Bridge]

Synergize
We team up tight
Different strengths
One beam of light
Sharpen saws
We rest and play
So we're ready every day (oh yeah!)

[Chorus]

We're the leaders
Leaders in me
Amboy shining for the world to see (hey!)
Seven habits in our song
Step by step
We're brave and strong
We're the leaders
Leaders in me
Watch us grow into who we can be
Amboy strong
Forever we'll be
Seven habits
Leaders in me



**Amoy High School
Principal's Report
March 2026
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

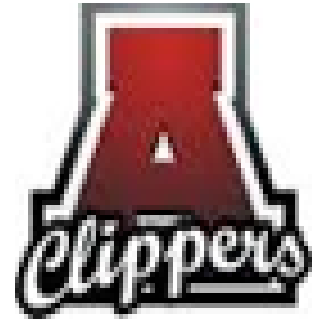
- Student of the Month was Olivia Ketchum.
- For FFA week, students and staff participated in dress-up days, provided breakfast for the staff, had a pizza party for the members, and finished up reading books to Central school students. They are planning a petting zoo when it gets a little warmer outside.
- February 25th, FFA students participated in the Poultry Judging Contest. Addison Bump placed 6th overall.
- On February 27th, Anna Carlson, Grace Althays, Tyler Mahar, and Bryden Boyer represented Amoy at the Cultivating Connections conference. 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.
- On March 4th, Tyler Mahar competed in the District Proficiency Contest. He won and will continue to the State contest on March 21. Scott Wilstead placed 3rd in the Discovery Star Farmer Category.
- On March 7th, the FFA worked with the Amoy FFA Alumni at the annual trivia night, which raised over \$10,000 to support the chapter and alumni activities.
- On March 7th, the Music department participated in Solo-Ensemble. Band placed 7th, Choir 10th, and Strings 15th all in Class C. We finished the day with 26 - 1st place and 8 - 2nd place rankings. Aaron Costner was selected as "Best of the Day" in the Percussion room.
- On March 9th, Mr. Kolton took a group of students to SVCC to take the placement test for the WACC Health Occupations class.
- On March 13th, Mr. Heavner took a group of students to help set up for the Sublette Toy Show.
- On March 13th, Mr. Kemmerer took 25 students to participate in the NUIC Music Festival in Pearl City.

School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Method Learning lessons to prepare for the ACT and PreACT coming up in April.



**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
March 2026
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



- SIP day was held on March 9th.
Students participated in career presentations, adulting topics, played Knock-Out (Damien Bender won) and “mint to be here” awards.
 - 50 students out of 195 = 25.6%, 8 students with perfect attendance 8/14-3/4
 - PRIDE awards were handed out to:
 - Jayden Sliger, Gavin Eisenberg, Daymein Ellis, Jack Thomas, Nicholas Warner, Faith Fenwick, Cooper Welch, Owen Dallam, Mallory Bodmer, Sophya Fonderoli, Aaron Costner, Miguel Garcia-Meirndorf, Chase Rasmussen, Camryn Noble, Carter Phelps, Bryden Boyer, Sydney Whelchel, Makayla Burt.

- Baseball, softball, and track have all started this month.

- Scholastic Bowl competed on February 21st, and placed 4th out of 9 teams. Varsity finished the year 14-8 with 4th place at Masonic Sectionals and tied for 3rd at IHSA Regionals. JV won the conference and finished with an 11-1 record.

- Mrs. Spinelli took a group of students to the ROE Student Leadership Conference at SVCC on February 20th. Participants included Sydney Noble, Parker Zimmerly, Landon Carter, Hayden Hunsberger, Charlotte Patterson, and Jayce Hermeyer.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: 2026-2027 School Calendar
6. Action: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of a Fuel Tank
7. Action: Asbestos Abatement Project Bid
8. Action: Executive Session
9. Action: Return to Open Session
10. Action: Student Discipline
11. Action: Personnel - Resignations
12. Action: Personnel - Hiring
13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment