

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

Thursday, April 16, 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
 - 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, MARCH 19, 2026 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, Jeannine Otto, Elizabeth Hennessey, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James presented the Financial Projection Model. Bound booklets were handed out to everyone. Section 1 covered assumptions, equalized assessed valuation, tax cap revenue model, and levy strategies. Section 2 covered fund by fund projections. Section 3 covered outstanding debt.

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

- Minutes of the February 19, 2026 open & closed meetings;
- Renew the 2026-2027 IHSA membership; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 19, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 94% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$489,216 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 64% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 66% 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.

Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Janet Crownhart reviewed their Principal reports, as presented. These contain the month's curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. These reports are available to the public from the Board of Education page of the website under agendas and minutes.

For his Superintendent report, Mr. Nichols noted that the concrete portion of the bleacher project was walked off with Helm. Discussed pricing a sidewalk to the concession stand. Three bids came in for the asbestos removal project at Central School. Summer workers will be current students.

FOIA Requests: 1) Lori Demko, Construct Connect, requested the bid tabulation sheet for the asbestos abatement project at Central School. Request was sent to her in a timely manner. 2) Abbas Khan, Civic IQ, submitted a request for our purchase records. Molly Noble provided these to him in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 2026-2027 school calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of a fuel tank, as presented. This fuel tank will be removed and replaced at the bus garage. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the bid of Colfax Corporation of Chicago, IL for the asbestos abatement project at Central School, as presented. The bid tabulation sheet was provided in the board members packet. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:26 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 and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to approve the suspensions of students 3-19-26-1 through 3-19-26-17, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Stenzel to accept the resignation of John Banks as Custodian, effective March 9, 2026 and the verbal resignation of Brittany Shoemaker as Cook, effective March 10, 2026. 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: John Koch as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective March 10, 2026; Hannah Riley as Cook, effective March 27, 2026; tenure contracts to probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to tenured and non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented; contract renewals to support staff, as presented; Luke Welch as Fresh/Soph Baseball Coach; and summer workers, as presented. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Powers.

President Pratt announced “looking ahead” dates:

Board Retreat – Tuesday, April 7 – 5:00 p.m. – AJHS Cafeteria

Board Meeting – Thursday, April 16 – 6:30 p.m. – AJHS Cafeteria

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to adjourn at 8:38 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. 2026-2027 IESA Registration
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: School Board Meeting Dates
- 4. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 5. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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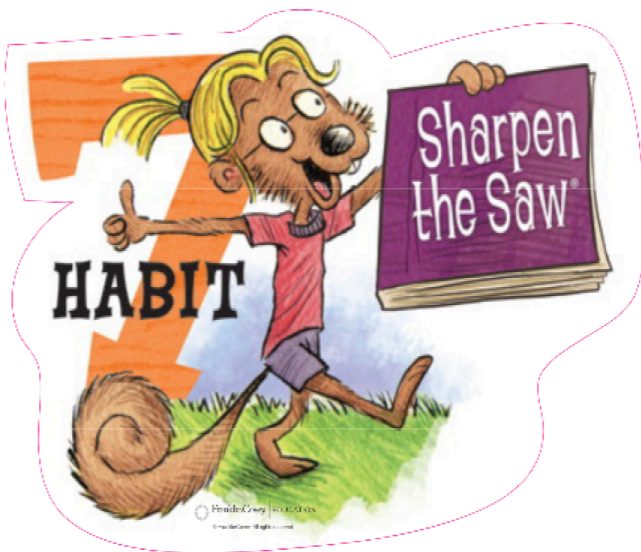
**Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
April 2026**

School Activities:

- Our third and fourth grade students completed IAR testing.
- April 21 is our Central Elementary School Spring Concert at Amboy High School. The show starts at 6:30 p.m.
- Students will complete STAR and Fastbridge testing the week of April 27.
- Our Rockin' Beach Bash family night will be held on May 15 from 6 - 7 p.m.
- April 30 will be tie-dye day at Central School. Students will make class color t-shirts to wear on our field day.
- On April 22 Miss Garriott is hosting a preschool family night for families.
- 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.

PBIS:

- April's Leader in Me skill is Sharpen the Saw.



Sharpen the Saw Balance is Best

All about taking
care of your....

- Body
- Heart
- Mind
- Soul



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Isabella Yanos.
- Congratulations to Caylee Hummel for placing 1st in the 2026 Student/Teacher Art Exhibit with her Charcoal & Pencil piece. The selected pieces will be displayed as banners on the 1st Avenue Bridge between Sterling and Rock Falls.
- Tyler Mahar placed in the Top 5 at the State Proficiency Contest in Ag Sales.
- The scholastic bowl team's Stateline Quizbowl tournament second-round match (sweet 16) vs. Keith Country Day from Rockford was broadcast on March 22. The team lost but gave Keith Country Day a challenging match. Losing by 50 pts in the end.
- Juniors took the ACT and freshmen/sophomores took the Pre-ACT on April 8th. Make-up testing was completed for the remainder of the week for students who missed the initial day. Students who behaved during the test and took the test seriously were placed into a drawing for one of 12 large cheese pizzas on Thursday. Winners were Aden Spinelli, Madi Clarida, Liam Rieskamp, Avarie Seier, Joivvee Hirsch, Sydney Whelchel, Ayla Costner, Caden Hermeyer, Ty Florschuetz, Nela Kramova, Kodie Dempsey, and Anthony Sus.
- On April 10th, 4 students attended the Education Symposium at SVCC. Congratulations to Olivia Ketchum, Micah Miller, and Peyton Payne on earning their Education Endorsement.
- On April 17th, 4 students attended the Nursing Symposium at SVCC. Congratulations to Alyvia Whelchel on earning her Nursing Endorsement!

School Activities



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- Homeroom Material
 - Freshmen, sophomore, and junior students worked on Method Learning to help with the types of questions that would be asked on the ACT/PreACT
 - SEL Lessons were titled "All In"
 - Time was given to get caught up on missing work and finishing the year strong
- Greek Mythology students made a planisphere on the day before break started. Planisphere is an adjustable device that provides a map of the night sky to identify and observe constellations. A wheel is adjusted based on time of night, month and day, and direction. I encouraged them to take it home and use it at night during Spring Break. However, the weather was rarely ideal for night sky viewing.
- Mrs. Viall was incubating Emu eggs and had one hatch. The students enjoyed the baby emu while it lived in her classroom for a few days.

Looking Ahead

- Prom - May 2nd @ The River's Edge Experience in Oregon
- Baccalaureate - May 20th at 7 pm at St. Patrick Church
- Honor's Night - May 21st at 7 pm in the AHS Gymnasium
- Graduation - May 24th at 2 pm in the AHS gymnasium



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
April 16th, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- The SIP team met with Anji Garza from the ROE on March 26th to cover the following items: scheduling, summer meeting dates, root causes, and smart goals.

PBIS:

- On Monday, April 20th 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.
 - o “I See You” Awards-

School Activities:

- The 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration was held in the afternoon on Friday, March 27th. Students received treats and watched a movie.
- The 6th grade went on their field trip to Malibu Jacks on Friday, April 10th.
- 5th grade students had their first “Pizza Lesson” on Friday, April 10th for Ag. In the Classroom, with their second lesson scheduled for Wednesday, April 15th.

End of the Year Important Dates

- April 17th- AJHS Drama Club Spring Play Preview (2:00)
- April 17th-18th- Drama Club Spring Play
- April 20th- SIP Day
- April 23rd- Grade Level Team Meetings
- April 24th- 5th Grade Ag Expo.
- April 25th- AJHS Track and Field Invite
- Week of April 27th- Benchmark Testing
- April 29th- 8th Grade to WACC 12:30-2:00
- April 30th-3rd Pizza Lesson 5th Grade SS
- May 1st–VIP Day
- May 4th- SIP Day
- May 8th- 5th Grade to Maria’s 1-3
- May 12th- 7th Grade Field Trip
- May 13th–4th grade Tour 2-3
- May 15th- 7th/8th Grade Field Trip to WWII reenactment (10:00-2:00)

Dates below are subject to change:

- **May 18th- Early Dismissal/Goofy Games/Grade Posting**
- **May 19th- PBIS 4th Quarter Celebration (Woodhaven) 8th Grade Day Opposite**
- **May 20th- PBIS 4th Quarter Celebration (Rain Date) 8th Grade Day Opposite**
- May 21st- 8th Grade Field Trip (Not Changing)
- **May 22nd- 8th Grade Awards and Promotion Practice**
- May 25th- NO SCHOOL (Memorial Day)
- **May 26th-**
- **May 27th- 5th-7th Grade Awards (Last Day of School)**
- **May 28th- Teachers Institute**

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

6. Discussion: First Reading of the 2026-2027 Fee Schedule
7. Discussion: First Reading of Issue 121 of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
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