

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, JULY 21, 2016, AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Hochstatter. Also present were Jeff Thake, Ed Morris, Elsa Payne, Allison Fox, Anna Willis, Laura Jackson, Angie Dallam, Janette Welch, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full & Jenny McCoy.

The public hearing on transfer of funds from the Transportation Fund to the Educational Fund was opened. Superintendent Thake shared that less education revenue was received and he over budgeted fuel funds in transportation for the past few years so this transfer helps to ensure adequate funding for education.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Becker to adopt the Resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Transportation Fund to the Educational Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Allison Fox shared her concern about the first grade class size and talked about the Tennessee Study of Class Size In The Early School Grades. She questioned why only two kindergarten students reached 20 points in Accelerated Reader. She also questioned why the last year's second grade is going from two to three classes. Joyce Schamberger responded that there are a lot of social/emotional issues in that class. Elsa Payne asked if kindergarten teachers can discuss with administration how the year went and suggest anything for the following year. Superintendent shared that Amboy has smaller class sizes than other districts and that the quarterly reports doesn't show much of a difference in academic growth because of class sizes. Brian Fox expressed that the Board is trying to balance the needs of the students and the budget. He also announced that feedback from the parents is appreciated and how it's good to see the public attendance grow. Janette Welch talked about classsizematters.org and expressed her concerns about class sizes. President Jones said numbers will not be known until after registration on July 28, therefore, nothing can be settled until the district knows how many actually register. Laura Jackson talked about her discouragement with the district. Bob Olson reiterated what Brian Fox has said previously about balancing the needs of students and the budget and that tough decisions are made every year with class sizes. Angie Dallam announced that all the parents there are advocates for their kids and thanked the Board for listening to all the comments.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Johnson to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the June 16, 2016, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated January 22, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Setchell to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:52 p.m., a motion was made by Becker and seconded by Fox to move to Executive Session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body and

collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:10 p.m., a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Becker to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Johnson to accept the resignation of Kelli Cecchetti as Special Education Teacher. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Johnson to approve the employment of Ross Alexander as Special Education Teacher at the Amboy High School, effective August 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fox to approve the Amboy High School and Amboy Junior High School Extra Curricular positions for the 2016-2017 school year, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Town Hall Meetings on August 4 & August 8. AEF Golf Outing on August 5. Finance Meeting on Thursday, August 11, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the Amboy High School Room 105. Next Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, August 18, 2016, 7:00 p.m., at the Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Fox and seconded by Becker to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Becker, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____