

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, MARCH 23, 2017 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. Also present were: Jeff Thake, Elsa Payne, Deb Cleary, Liz Scriven, Cyndi Carlson, Carol Schnaiter, Jeff Schnaiter, Ashley Noble, Ashley Kreiser, Anna Willis, Bonnie Morris, Yvonne Vicks, Judi Callison, Phil Callison, Andy Pratt, Katie Pratt, Kelly Foster, Chris Noble, Eileen Piper, Brittany Fox, Brandon Klein, Bill Bontz, Hannah Grady, Katie Bulfer, Stacey Dinges, Shauna Dinges, Laura Dickinson, Dan Dickinson, Amanda Henkel, Jeannette Welch, Stacey Dinges, Deb Althaus, Allison Fox, Megan Grady, Linda Grady, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full & Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. FFA members, Hannah Grady and Megan Grady shared information on several previous and upcoming events. "Meet The Candidates" for seats on the Board of Education took place. Elsa Payne, Carol Schnaiter, Katie Pratt, Tony Becker and Brian Fox started it off by each giving a short biography. They then were asked three prepared questions by President Jones and questions from the audience.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Johnson to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the February 9, 2017, Finance Open & Closed Meetings;
- Minutes of the February 23, 2017, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated September 10, 2015 & September 17, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Thake briefly discussed the finance report.

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

The next order of business was Principal Reports, which were reviewed as presented in the Board packet.

Superintendent Thake announced that next week he'll attend a Personalized Learning cohort at the national level. With much enthusiasm, Thake shared how much Amboy School District is excelling. The Huffington Post has scheduled an interview with Thake to discuss the transformation.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fox to table the motion to approve the 2017-2018 School Calendar, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the 2017-2018 IHSA Membership Renewal, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Hochstatter and seconded by Johnson to approve to go out for bid/quotes for auditor, drug/alcohol services, mowing and student pictures. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Johnson to approve the Managed Services Agreement with Single Path, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:18 p.m., a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Olson to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:49 p.m., a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Fox to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Olson to approve the 2017-2018 school calendar, as presented, and further, to approve the graduation dates and times for 2018, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Fox to approve the suspensions of students 3-23-17-1 through 3-23-17-14, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to accept the resignation of Ross Alexander as Special Education Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve Chris Payne as Junior High Girls Track Coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the employment of Michael Smith as Assistant Maintenance Director, effective March 27, 2017. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the employment of Aubrey Burke as Special Education Teacher at Central School for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the iCoach job description, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to grant tenure contracts to fourth-year probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to grant contract renewals to tenured teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to grant contract renewals to non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve non-certified support staff contract renewals, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the employment of Summer Help as presented in the maintenance report. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the Assistant Superintendent job description, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the contract of Joshua Nichols as Assistant Superintendent/High School Principal, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming dates: Finance Meeting-Thursday, April 13, 2017, 7:00 p.m.-AHS Room 105; and Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, April 27, 2017, 7:00 p.m.-AJHS.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to adjourn at 8:53 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Tony Becker, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____