

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, APRIL 27, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY JUNIOR 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 Johnson. Also present were Jeff Thake, Liz Scriven, Ed Morris, Bonnie Morris, Anna Willis, Bonita Willis, Ashley Noble, Ashley Kreiser, Jeff Schnaiter, Katie Bulfer, Carol Schnaiter, Brandon Albrecht, Elsa Payne, Katie Pratt, Bruce Setchell, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full & Jenny McCoy

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. A check for \$5,000 was presented to Gary Wilhelm, Amboy Park Board Member, for donation toward installing restrooms in the hitting shed. Brandon Albrecht shared information on previous and upcoming events for High School Student Council.

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

- Minutes of the March 11, 2017, Retreat Open & Closed Meetings;
- Minutes of the March 23, 2017, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- To keep all Executive Session Minutes from September 15, 2016 through February 23, 2017, closed to the public; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated October 13, 2015 & October 20, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Based on election results provided by the Lee County Election Authority, the total number of votes received by each candidate for the office of School Board Member in the April 4, 2017, election is as follows:

Elsa Payne	977
Katie Pratt	931
Carol Schnaiter	872
Brian Fox	718

Newly elected Board members, Elsa, Katie, Carol, & Brian, read the Oath of Office simultaneously. They were congratulated and seated.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Olson to adjourn *sine die* at 7:11 p.m. for recognition of Bob Olson, Lori Setchell, Tony Becker & Joel Hochstatter for their years of service to the Board of Education. Motion carried unanimously.

Reorganization of the Board was the next agenda item to be addressed. Brian Fox served as president pro tempore officer.

Brian Fox opened the floor to nominations for the office of President. Nicole Jones was nominated. There being no further nominations, Fox declared Nicole Jones elected to the office of School Board President by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes.

President Jones opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice-President. Ray Johnson was nominated. There being no further nominations, President Jones declared Ray Johnson elected to the office of Vice-President by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes.

Nominations were then taken for the office of Secretary. Brian Fox was nominated. There being no further nominations, President Jones declared Brian Fox elected to the office of Secretary by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes. All of the above terms of office will serve until April of 2019.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Payne to approve the regular Board of Education meeting dates and times as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For his financial report, Superintendent Thake shared with the new Board members that the finance summary in their packet is a snapshot of seven years of revenues and expenditures from the previous month. He also shared that we have levied more for transportation because of the thought of mandatory categoricals getting cut then do a transfer of funds from transportation to education if payments are received. The FRIS inquiry through isbe.com shows summary of budgets & disbursements and many more reports.

A motion was made by Pratt 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 shared information on his visit to Arlington Heights for “Redefining Ready!”. He then discussed the visit from the Sauk Valley Community College President & Deans, Real Estate Agents & a Journalist to tour classrooms to see 1:1 in action.

Received first readings of the IASB Policy Revisions, 2017-2018 Student Handbooks and the 2017-2018 Fee Schedule.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Schnaiter to approve the Co-op Health Life Safety Amendment #8 for Whiteside Area Career Center, as presented. Superintendent Thake explained that it's for replacement of the roof at WACC. The total amount is divided between all districts to share the expense. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:46 p.m., a motion was made by Fox and seconded by Payne to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:38 p.m., a motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Brian to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to approve the suspensions of Students 4-27-17-1 through 4-27-17-8, as presented. Motion carried unanimously.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Fox to accept the retirement resignation of Mary Knowles, according to the Special Retirement Incentive of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the conclusion of the 2020-2021 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Pratt to accept the resignation of Erin Welker as 3rd Grade Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced some upcoming dates:

Finance Meeting – Thursday, May 11, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – AHS Room 105
AHS Baccalaureate – Wednesday, May 17, 2017, 7:30 p.m. – St. Patrick’s Church
AHS Honors Night – Thursday, May 18, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – AHS Auditorium
AHS Graduation – Sunday, May 21, 2017, 2:00 p.m. – AHS Gym
AJHS Promotion – Tuesday, May 23, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – AJHS Gym
Regular School Board Meeting – Thursday, May 25, 2017, 7:00 p.m. – AHS Cafeteria

There being no further business to bring before the Board, President Jones called the meeting to adjourn at 8:42 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary Pro-Tem

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____