

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS COMMITTEE MEETING
OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL ROOM 105**

President Jones called the Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Jeff Thake, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full, Mike Hickey, Bob Bennett, Nichole Stenzel, Tim Zollinger, Matt Kole, Michele James, Rodney Bridger & Ken Willey.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Nichole Stenzel, co-chair of the 272 KIDS committee, reported that 12 committee members have been working hard to understand the details regarding renovation of the Junior High School and building an extension to the High School. She stated the committee is in full support of building an extension, and also reviewed coming activities and community events at which the committee will be present to distribute information.

Superintendent Thake reported that the funds from the 1% sales tax were coming in (approximately \$28,000.00 per month). He and other administrators and staff will be attending trainings in early 2018 to learn more about evidence-based school funding.

At 7:07 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Leffelman to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:11 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Mike Hickey, President of The First National Bank in Amboy, presented a Bonds 101 discussion with the Board.

Michele James, Rodney Bridger and Bob Bennett, from CTS, presented their proposal for the extension to the High School. They reviewed the floor plan, type of structure and finishes. Working with CTS would require two contracts being one based on energy projects and the other as bricks and mortar.

Superintendent Thake and Attorney Tim Zollinger reviewed the options for the ballot referendum question and answered Board questions. Zollinger also advised the Board of their role in the referendum process, meaning what can and can not be said, done, etc.

The Board discussed at length, what question to include on the ballot, but determined more information was needed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Johnson to approve the Local Option Sales Tax Agreement between Robert Sondgeroth, Regional Superintendent, and the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Johnson to approve Raymond James as the Bond Broker for Amboy Community Unit School District #272. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schnaiter to adjourn the meeting at 9:55 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____