

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR BOARD
MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the Regular Board Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Leffelman. Also present were: Jeff Thake, Jeff Blake, Jen Gazza, Richie Jomant, Matt Klahn, Deb Cleary, Stacey Dinges, Dave Esquivel, Katie Bulfer, Anna Willis, Nichole Stenzel, Tony Becker, Gayla Grossman, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full and Jenny McCoy.

The public hearing on transfer of funds from the Tort Immunity Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund was opened. Superintendent Thake stated that the purpose of this transfer is because we want to make sure we have funds available for a 96 year-old Junior High Building. Board Member, Ray Johnson, inquired about the \$134,199.00 expenditure in Tort on the Finance Summary Report. Thake explained that it's the annual Property Casualty and Worker's Compensation fee.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hummel to adopt the Resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Tort Immunity Fund to the Operations and Maintenance Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Parent, Gayla Grossman, inquired about effective days of the fail list. Tony Becker asked the Board to take in consideration of the gymnasium if the addition to the High School happens. Much discussion went on between Richie Jomant, Superintendent Thake, Dave Esquivel, Gayla Grossman, Jeff Blake, and Lee County State's Attorney, Matt Klahn regarding communication to parents and safety protocol when there's been a threat. Nichole Stenzel, Parent & 272 KIDS Chairperson, pointed out that with a new addition there would be safer entrances and when it comes to her children's safety, she's willing to give the extra tax dollars to make it happen.

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

- Minutes of the January 25, 2018, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated August 11, 2016 and August 18, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Thake gave a brief review of the finance reports.

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

The Principal Reports were reviewed as presented. Principal Nichols explained what will be happening with Biology next school year and plans for the green house.

Superintendent Thake shared information on the National Conference he attended noting that Amboy is one of three model school districts, in the nation, for Personalized Learning. He also shared the recent maintenance needs at the Junior High.

The first reading of the 2018-2019 school calendar was presented and discussed.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to approve the Construction Management Letter of Intent to CTS (Control Technology & Solutions), as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:58 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Hummel to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of 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 9:04 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Hummel to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the suspensions of Students 2-22-18-1 through 2-22-18-11, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Hummel to approve the employment of John Wagner as 250-Day Custodian at the High School, effective January 29, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hummel to approve the employment of Arly Kaecker as 240-Day Custodian at the High School, effective January 29, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to approve the employment of Travis Kemmerer as Band & Chorus Teacher at the High School, effective for the 2018-2019 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming Dates: Board Retreat-Saturday, March 10, 2018, 8:30 a.m.-KSB Community Room
Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, March 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m.-AHS

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 9:08 p.m. by Payne and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____