

**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
TUESDAY, JUNE 26, 2018, AT 7:00 P.M.  
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the Special Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Yvonne Vicks, Michele James, Rodney Bridger, Brandon Little, Stacey Dinges, Katie Bulfer, Janet Crownhart, Karen Henkel, Jerry Henkel, Nichole Stenzel, Dave & Trevor Stenzel, Angie Dallam, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger and Andrew Full.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Michele James, from CTS, reviewed the 5:00 p.m. staff meeting at which she and other CTS representatives shared information about the possible Junior High Addition and gym addition to the High School. She then addressed a list of questions submitted prior to the meeting by members of 272 KIDS and the School Board.

Because of an increase in costs for building materials and other construction services, CTS added 10% to the original building estimate. Current cost is approximately \$16.5 million for the current scope of the project.

Additional information shared:

- Current High School kitchen does have the capacity to serve both High School and Junior High students with the addition of some equipment.
- CTS recommended to keep the hallway stretching around the new gym because of traffic and need for exits and entrances.
- A fully renovated Junior High with utility improvements would not match the 25% savings discovered in a new addition with new utilities.
- The old High School administrative/district offices could become the High School media center.
- Use the current High School art room as the Junior High art room.

Questions/Comments from guests:

- How will we ensure the current Junior High is functional whether the referendum passes or not?
- Are we using all available classroom space in the High School and at Central School?
- Instead of cutting because of cost, would rather advocate for doing the project right than needing to go back and change things later.
- Isn't enrollment trending down?
- Instead of projecting what will happen (i.e., declining enrollment) we need to provide something better for our students now rather than later.
- If the High School built for 500 students in 1952 was built today, what is the student capacity? Joshua Nichols answered 350 students.
- How can 272 KIDS and the School Board share information about the referendum beyond what was done the first time?
- How are school's funded? Joshua Nichols explained the new evidence based funding formula.
- Will we lose families who are high contributors to the community because our schools are not high quality? Play up what is right with Amboy and our schools.
- Will the 1% sales tax money go towards the new addition now because of the increase in cost? Jason Leffelman responded if the Junior High stays the same then all of that money would go to the old building versus being able to divide it out among the three buildings.

Current quote does not include demolition. Demolition is estimated at \$800,000.00. New project cost is \$17.3 million.

A motion was made by Hummel and seconded by Schnaiter to move to Executive Session at 8:25 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Hummel to return to Open Session at 9:43 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones explained the process by which the Board has to make a decision about pursuing a referendum in November.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Leffelman to adjourn the meeting at 9:48 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Pratt, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

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