

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, JUNE 13, 2019, 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 except Stenzel, White, and Schnaiter. Also present were: Joshua Nichols, Bonnie Morris, Kyle Harding, Andrew Full, Joyce Schamberger, and Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing on the intent to sell bonds in the amount of \$1,145,000 for the purpose of improving the sites of and altering, repairing and equipping school buildings and facilities. Kyle Harding, from Chapman & Cutler, explained that the district will be able to sell the bonds after a seven-day waiting period. This will pay for the health life safety work and tile replacement at Central School. There were no questions or comments from the public nor the Board.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to close the public hearing on the intent to sell bonds. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing on the 2018-2019 Amended Budget. Superintendent Nichols explained that this had to be done in order to accommodate the referendum bond sale and the increase in Capital Project costs for the Junior High and gym addition. There were no questions or comments from the public nor the Board. President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the 2018-2019 Amended Budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public for open forum. There were none.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the May 16, 2019, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- To keep all Executive Session Minutes from September 13, 2018 through March 21, 2019, closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated December 7, 2017, December 13, 2017, December 14, 2017, and December 18, 2017.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the Financial Report, Superintendent Nichols shared that we always under-estimate revenues because there's no guarantee on the fourth categorical payment from the state. This year we received more than expected in Title payments. For revenue, the district has received \$9,829,982 and \$333,921 in sales tax dollars for use on facilities. For expenses, we've used \$8,479,892.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to allow Superintendent Nichols to expend funds to defray necessary and proper expenses and liabilities of the District incurred for educational, operations, maintenance, transportation, site, and construction purposes of the District for Fiscal Year 2020, until which time the Annual Budget of the District is adopted in conformity with applicable sections of the Illinois School Code. Superintendent Nichols explained that his spending authority ends with the 2018-2019 budget on June 30, 2019 so in order to continue operations and pay the bills, he needs authorization to do so until the 2019-2020 budget is approved. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Superintendent Nichols announced the following:

- Negotiations started with Teamsters Union.

- The abatement at Central School started.
- Water issues throughout the district that Ken Willey and Mike Smith have worked on.
- Enrollment increased a little even with the addition of preschool.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the 2019-2020 Student Handbooks, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Pratt to vote for the candidates on the Northwestern Illinois Association Election Ballot to serve on the Executive Board of Subregion III, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Carol Schnaiter entered the meeting at 7:17 p.m.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to approve the rental agreement with American Capital Financial Services, Inc. for Chromebooks, as presented. Superintendent Nichols explained that this is for 370 Lenovo Chromebooks. Leasing them keeps them under warranty and the students with current technology. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to approve the Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the Green House and Contents, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:23 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to move to Executive Session to discuss 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; setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:53 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Schnaiter 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 6-13-19-1 through 6-13-19-11, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to accept/approve the following personnel:

- Retirement resignation of Connie Hobbs as Head Cook, effective August 1, 2019.
- Retirement resignation of Mary Ehlers as Paraprofessional, effective August 1, 2019.
- Retirement resignation of Allen Ringenberg as Custodian, effective November 30, 2020.
- Contract of Janet Crownhart as High School Principal from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, as presented.
- Contract of Andrew Full as Junior High School Principal from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, as presented.
- Contract of Joyce Schamberger as Central School Principal from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2022, as presented.
- Contract of Katie Bulfer as 5-12 Dean of Students from August 13, 2019 to June 30, 2020, as presented.
- Employment of Scotlyn Schabacker as Social Studies Teacher at the Junior High for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Employment of Vanessa Goslin as K-8 Art Teacher for the 2019-2020 school year.
- Employment of Alexandra Jones as Summer Help, effective June 4, 2019.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Katie Pratt shared that she attended the end of year luncheon and liked how teachers were recognized for first year, tenure and retirement. She mentioned that doing a teacher of the year would be something to look into.

Upcoming dates include:

Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting-Wednesday, June 26, 2019-7:00 p.m.

Regular Board Meeting-Tuesday, July 16, 2019-7:00 p.m.-High School Cafeteria

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 7:59 p.m.
Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____