

**MINUTES OF THE FINANCE/BUILDING & GROUNDS
MEETING OF THE AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL
DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, JULY 30, 2019 AT 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

President Jones called the Finance/Building & Grounds Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Stenzel. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Joe Haka, Brandon Little, Michele James, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full & Joyce Schamberger.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience.

Superintendent Nichols gave an update on registration numbers: 211-Central; 40-Preschool with two on wait list; 183-Junior High; 148-High School; and 189 not registered.

Principal Crownhart brought up an early graduation request that came after the deadline to apply. She will pursue this request as extenuating circumstances are at hand.

CTS members briefed on the current project budget which is coming in approximately \$2.7 million over the projected budget. In the latest round of bids, four did not receive any bids and other are coming in 15 to 20 percent higher than expected. They suggest the project is re-bid, pushing the completion back to 2021. They also suggest considering value engineering options - swapping one thing for something less expensive (floors, windows, finishes, etc.). The board asked why this is happening and CTS explained that the construction economy is good and companies do not need the work or have too much work. The board insisted transparent communication begin immediately with staff and community. Discussion about the delay and project budget will continue at the August 15 board meeting.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to adopt the resolution that appoints Joshua Nichols to prepare a tentative budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to authorize the Administration to place on file, the tentative budget for the 2019-2020 school year, and further to set the 2019-2020 budget hearing for Thursday, September 12, 2019, 7:00 p.m., at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Schnaiter to approve the proposal of Kunes Country Auto Group, Sterling, IL, for a 2019 Dodge Grand Caravan, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to go into 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 setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:30 p.m., a motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Leffelman to accept the retirement resignation of Allen Ringenberg as Custodian, effective August 9, 2019. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Nicole Jones President

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Approved: _____