

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18, 2020 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Schnaiter. Also present were Joshua Nichols and Jenny McCoy

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

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

- Minutes of the February 19, 2020, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- 2020-2021 IHSA Membership Renewal; and
- Delete audio recordings dated September 13, 2018.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports sharing that we've received 94% of our anticipated revenue for the year and because of a printing error, the district did not receive the month's sales tax dollars. For expenses, the district has used around 61.5% this fiscal year in the operating funds, therefore, we are running roughly around 4.5% under budget in operating funds.

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

Principal reports were received but the principals were not at meeting due to the COVID-19 regulations.

Superintendent Nichols shared the following:

- Curriculum committee is moving forward with math programs.
- The building project is continuing to progress with installing piers and retaining wall.
- e-Learning Day on March 16, 2020 was successful. He will send a weekly update to all parents and staff during the closure.
- The clorox electrostatic machine has been used at all buildings.
- Students/children are not allowed in the buildings.
- The health life safety inspection list was received.

Section I of the school board policy was received. This will be looked at and revised for the next scheduled meeting of the board.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to approve administration to begin to move forward with 8-man football, effective Fall of 2021. Rory made the comment that he's talked to others and had nothing but good things to say. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Pratt to approve the 2020-2021 school calendar, as presented. Superintendent Nichols shared that this is similar to this year and is in alignment with Whiteside Area Career Center. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:28 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to move to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance and/or dismissal of specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in a park, recreational, or educational setting or specific volunteers of the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:44 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 Stenzel and seconded by Leffelman to approve the suspensions of students 3-18-20-1 through 3-18-20-17, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to accept the resignation of Deanna Drew as Agriculture Teacher at the High School, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to accept the resignation of Kristi Boehle as Building Secretary at Central School, effective February 28, 2020. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by White to accept the retirement resignation of Cheryl Bonnell as Reading Paraprofessional at Central School, effective at the conclusion of the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to accept the retirement resignation of Elmer Shaw as Bus Driver, effective March 2, 2020. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to approve the employment of Trese McNinch as Fresh/Soph Girls Track Coach for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve Ben Schott as Boys Track Coach at the Junior High for the 2019-2020 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones announced upcoming dates: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, April 23, 2020, 7:00 p.m.-Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to adjourn at 7:47 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary Pro Tem

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____