

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 18, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GYM**

President Pratt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present except Stenzel and Montavon. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2025 Tax Levy. Superintendent Nichols presented historical data, where the levy dollars go, fund balances and his strategy and thoughts. The levy proposes a 4.99% increase over last year's extension. Local property taxes represent between 80 and 85% of the district's annual revenue. The data presented included all updated assessor's estimate information. There were no comments or questions. Pratt declared the hearing closed.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adopt the 2025 Tax Levy resolution, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Board Committee Reports: Meusel, White, Pratt, Payne, and Nichols shared 'bullet points' from the sessions at the Triple I Conference in Chicago.

Principal, Janet Crownhart entered the meeting at 6:57 p.m.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the consent agenda items, as presented:

- Minutes of the November 18, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated June 20, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 87% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$303,442 in sales tax revenue. This is roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 37% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 40% this fiscal year.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Powers to approve the current expenditures and payroll, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Jessica Meusel, Andrew Full, and Janet Crownhart reviewed the many events and activities for the month from their presented Principal reports.

For his Superintendent report, Nichols pointed out a few items from the Maintenance Director's report: 1) Coil freezing and RTU 13 issues. 2) High School water fountain has been replaced but brick work remains. 3) Bleacher inspection completed.

FOIA Request: Frank Patterson, from Academy Research Group, requested employee information such as full names, hire date, phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and salaries. This was compiled and provided.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the policy revisions in Issue 120 of the Illinois Association of School Boards, as presented. These will keep the district compliant with the many education-related laws that the state has passed recently. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Powers to adopt the resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the District, as presented. These taxes need to be abated since we will be using sales tax dollars to pay for these bonds. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adopt the resolution that sets a public hearing for January 22, 2026, 6:30 p.m., at Central School to discuss transfer of funds, as presented. This will allow us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$50,000) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the OSF Saint Paul Consortium for drug and alcohol testing services in 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:29 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to move to executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in an educational setting and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:16 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Payne to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 12-18-25-1 through 12-18-25-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Powers to accept the verbal resignation from Lora Berogan as Van Driver, effective November 18, 2025 and to approve the FMLA request of Nichole Gross, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve Emily Goff as Young Authors Co-Coordinator at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming date: Regular School Board Meeting - Thursday, January 22, 2026 – 6:30 p.m. – Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____