

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.
JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Pratt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present except Brokaw. Also present were Yvonne Vicks, Kelly Viall, Joe Heavner, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2026-2027 budget. The tentative budget that was presented in August has been on display as required by law. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. There were none. There were no comments and/or questions from the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Kelly Viall and Joe Heavner created an Amboy High & Amboy Middle School Agricultural Education Annual Report for the 2025-2026 school year. This was presented and discussed.

Board Committee Reports: The Sylvan Shuffle had the largest number of participants thus far.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Montavon to approve the consent agenda, as presented:

- Minutes of the August 6, 2026 finance meeting;
- Minutes of the August 20, 2026 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated March 8, 2025 & March 20, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel and Janet Crownhart reviewed their presented reports. Crownhart also spoke a little about Weightlifting Club.

Janet Crownhart reported on the following Superintendent reports: 1) Purchasing a program through Follett for the maintenance department that will help document the building systems. 2) Stair treads for outside bleachers. 3) Tile broke at the bus garage causing flood. 4) Teamsters agreement missing second page of the pay scale.

FOIA requests received: CT Mills requested phone lines. Argo and Starbridge Records requested vendors that we purchase from. Janet Crownhart responded to all and complied in a timely manner.

The first reading of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Amboy CUSD 272 and the Amboy Education Association was presented. This clarifies the implementation and order of use regarding the bonus milestone sick days awarded under the collective bargaining agreement.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to adopt the policy revisions from Issue 122 of the Illinois Association of School Boards, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to approve the quotes from Dixon Glass Company for three door replacements at the High School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve the quote from Scutum for an electric strike installation, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to approve the quote from Rocket Fence LLC for fencing around the agriculture shop, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to adopt the student and teacher guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:01 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to move to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, matters relating to individual students, and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:25 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 Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the suspensions of students 9-17-26-1 through 9-17-26-2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to approve the early graduation request of student #26033, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Abigail Hatheway as Cook, effective September 4, 2026. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to approve the employment of the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Stephanie Galvan as Cook, effective September 22, 2026; Nevaeh Sheaves as Bus Aide, effective September 14, 2026; Sarah Land as Science Club Sponsor at the Junior High; John Spinelli as Varsity Wrestling Coach; and Ethan Knieser as Fresh/Soph Wrestling Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Northwest Division Hybrid Meeting-Thursday, October 8, 2026

Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, October 15, 2026-AJHS-6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____