

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2025 AT 6:30 P.M.
AMBOY 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. Also present were Yvonne Vicks, Kelly Viall, Emily Rose, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. Katie Pratt noted on all the Board's accomplishments and wanted all to have a 'feel-good' moment.

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

- Minutes of the March 8, 2025 retreat;
- Minutes of the March 20, 2025 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated November 14, 2023.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Nichole Stenzel announced that the election authority has provided the abstract of votes cast from the April 1, 2025 consolidated election. The number of votes received for the candidates in the election are as follows and will serve the four-year term of office: Katie Pratt-421, Mandy Powers-367, Elsa Payne-364, and Drew Montavon-353. The four read the Oath of Office, was congratulated and seated.

Reorganization of the Board was the next agenda item. Nichole Stenzel served as president pro tempore officer.

Nichole opened the floor to nominations for the office of President. Katie Pratt was nominated. There being no further nominations, Nichole declared Katie Pratt elected to the office of School Board President by acclamation.

President Pratt opened the floor to nominations for the office of Vice-President. Drew Montavon was nominated. There being no further nominations, Katie declared Drew Montavon elected to the office of Vice-President by acclamation.

Nominations were then taken for the office of Secretary. Elsa Payne was nominated. There being no further nominations, Katie declared Elsa Payne elected to the office of Secretary by acclamation.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to appoint Rory White and Nick Brokaw to serve on the Amboy CUSD #272 Board of Education until the next regular election, at which election they are elected to serve the remainder of their unexpired term. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call. Rory and Nick then read the Oath of Office, was congratulated and seated.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the Board of Education meeting dates, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The board agreed to move the second School Improvement Day in May from the 19th to the 21st due to the three emergency days in the winter that pushed the last day of school to the 29th.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 98% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$454,490 in sales tax revenue. This represents around 100% of the anticipated local revenue and 74% of the anticipated Evidence Based Funding. The district has used 73% this fiscal year.

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

Principals Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, and Jessica Meusel reviewed their presented reports that cover curriculum and school improvement, PBIS, and school activities.

For his report, Superintendent Nichols shared that Brian Lampe, Maintenance Director, continues to replace lights around the district and he had some summer workers come in over Spring Break to do some outside cleanup of the buildings. The Central School window project abatement starts soon.

FOIA Requests: 1) ACB requested 10 that consisted of three different years of financial data. The information is contained in the Annual Statement of Affairs and available on ISBE's website. 2) David Arvayo, Compliance Department Painters District Council No. 30, requested information about any upcoming projects that involve painting and glazing, district employees who do painting projects, and paint purchase invoices since January 1, 2025. These two were responded to in a timely manner.

Board Policy Review: Section 5: Personnel has been reviewed with no changes. The next to review is Section 8: Community Relations.

Received first reading of the 2025-2026 fee schedule. The district fees have remained the same for at least the last seven years. Total fee revenue so far this year is \$72,062.85. Individual building fees change on the class and the use.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the 2025-2026 IESA Registration, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the purchase of a 2024 Honda Odyssey Van, as presented. The vans are used on special routes. With this van, we have one spare in the fleet. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Amboy CUSD #272 and the Amboy Education Association, as presented. This allows teachers to use one sick day as a personal day per year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Education of Amboy CUSD 272 and the Board of Education of Ohio CESD 17 to consolidate volleyball, boys & girls basketball, and track programs for the 2025-2026 and 2026-2027 school years, as presented.

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to move to executive session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, specific individuals who serve as independent contractors in an educational setting; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to approve the suspensions of students 4-17-25-1 through 4-17-25-12, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Adam Johnson as Custodian, effective April 25, 2025. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the following personnel, pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Brittany Barlow as Special Education Teacher at Central School, Kelly Viall as Agriculture Teacher at the High School, and Jill Royer as Title I Teacher at Central School, all effective for the 2025-2026 school year. Motion carried with six yeas and one abstention by Powers.

President Pratt announced the upcoming date:

Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 20, 2025 – 6:30 p.m. – Junior High School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 8:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____