

**AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
AMBOY, ILLINOIS**

Thursday, August 17, 2023
6:30 PM

Amboy Junior High School
Cafeteria
240 N Metcalf Avenue
Amboy, IL 61310

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order/Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Open Forum
 - C. Board Committee Reports
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, JULY 20, 2023, 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 Joshua Nichols, Spencer Morrissey, Yvonne Vicks, Allison Fox, John Schamberger, Britainy Kaleel, Janet Crownhart, and Jenny Apple.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Spencer Morrissey and Britainy Kaleel presented the Flagship Foundation. This non-profit foundation helps in Amboy athletics and activities. They also serve as an anonymous donor to any student who's resources may be limited. Mayor, John Schamberger presented the idea of turning the old junior grounds into a splash pad. Principal Crownhart announced that all vape sensors are installed in the high school and junior high school. She found that it is legal for Principal Full to use the vape sensor wand at the junior high school.

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

- Minutes of the June 15, 2023, open & closed regular board meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated January 20, 2022.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 107% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$554,815 in sales tax revenue. He noted that \$752,130 was received in Corporate Personal Property Replacement. The 5-year average on this is \$284,906. The district has used 86% this fiscal year. Due to the extra CPPRT, interest income, not fully staffed, number of staff who take insurance, and conservative spending, we had surplus.

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

For his Superintendent Report, Nichols announced that Nicor Gas came and disconnected the old junior high, the Regional Office of Education completed the walkthrough for the demolition permit, Sterling Commercial replaced the roof on the maintenance building, and installing camera for Central School playground. Complied with two FOIA requests: Vince Espi, Prairie News Wire, asked for five years of information on substitute teachers and Josiah Chatterton, Prairie News Wire, asked for board member information.

Nichole Stenzel shared that there's talk of 50 more windmills going up West of Amboy.

Board policies 4:170 (Safety) and Section 2: Board Process Policies were reviewed. There was only one wrong spelling that was discussed.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the proposal from Fowler Enterprises LLC for the bus garage approach, as presented. This is a 60x40 concrete pad in front of the bus garage. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the two Letters of Understanding between the Amboy CUSD #272 and the Teamsters Local Union #722 regarding change in salary payments and additional stipends, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:17 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 a park, recreational, or 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 8:07 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to uphold the expulsion of student #24081 for a period of ten months, effective immediately and lasting until August 1, 2024, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Amboy Community Unit School District #272 Board of Education and the Amboy Education Association for contract years 2023-2024, 2024-2025, and 2025-2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to accept the resignations of Susan Spurny as Counselor at Central School and Ben Schott as Physical Education and Health Teacher at the Junior High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to approve the following personnel, pending, successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Bryan Underwood as Special Education Teacher at the High School, Myah Trujillo as 4th Grade Teacher, Noah Hansen as 8th Grade ELA Teacher, and Allison Fox as Physical Education Teacher at the Junior High School, all effective August 11, 2023; John Wagner as Head Custodian at the High School, effective June 22, 2023; and the 2023-2024 extra curricular positions, as presented. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote abstained by Powers.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates: Finance Meeting-Thursday, August 3, 2023, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High and Regular School Board Meeting-Thursday, August 17, 2023, 6:30 p.m.-Junior High.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
August 17th, 2023
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Year for 2023-2023 was Courtney Ortgiesen!
- We have 3 seniors and 4 juniors attending SVCC and then AHS for 4 classes, 1 Attending SVCC then WACC, 2 in the academy at SVCC, 8 co-op students, 48 attending AHS in the morning then WACC in the afternoon.
- We would like to welcome Michael Kolton-School Counselor, Reaine Wilson-Spanish, Maddie Harvey-Math, Bryan Underwood-Special Education
- August 7th, Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs. Bulfer attended a Site Assessment training through the Illinois Principal Association
- August 9th, Mrs. Crownhart and Mrs Bulfer attended CPI refresher training

School Activities

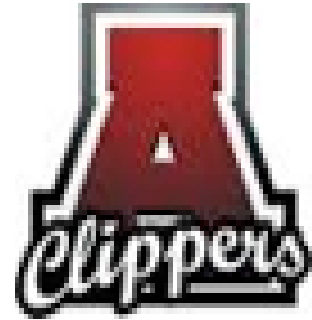
- Fall sports are underway with football, volleyball, golf and cross-country maintaining their co-op agreements from last year. Marching band, cheer, flags, and dance have been practicing hard as well.
- Tomorrow night is "Meet the Clippers" starting at 5:30 in the HS gym with the volleyball team.

Building Activities

- Mrs. Challand and the summer custodial crew once again did a fantastic job preparing the school for the students' return.



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- The high school will be working on fully implementing the education, manufacturing, and agricultural pathways this school year with work starting on a healthcare pathway.
 - 8 district teachers met with Stacey Dinges from the ROE to learn to be an education pathway mentor on August 8th.
- We held the 1st day of school activities on Tuesday with Minute-to-Win it games, music, dancing, games, challenges, and goal setting. We also completed our bus evacuation drill.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
August 17th, 2023
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- Throughout the summer the School Improvement Team has met with Anji Garza from the ROE to discuss the following topics: schedule, discipline handbook, RtI, 5 Essentials, Significant 72, Goals, Benchmarking Tests, special education, etc...
- New teacher orientation was held on August 10th to welcome new staff members and cover district policies, evaluations, discipline, importance of setting routines, etc...
- Faculty and staff met on August 11th for Teachers' Institute where various topics were discussed (welcome back, return to school, faculty meetings, Significant 72, discipline, data collection, mandated trainings, SLO's, special education, etc...)

PBIS:

School Activities:

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
August 2023

School Activities:

- Thank you to our custodians and summer crew for their hard work cleaning and refreshing our school.
- Preschool classes are scheduled to begin on August 21. There are 40 preschoolers enrolled and we have a waiting list.
- The Book-It committee met this summer to prepare and plan for our “Sweet Success” theme at Central. Students who meet their reading goal will participate in fun monthly activities beginning in September.
- Back to School Night was held on August 14 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Parents and students dropped off supplies, visited teachers, and toured the school.
- Bus Evacuation Drill was held on Wednesday, August 16.
- We welcomed the following staff to Central School:
 - Cara Milewski- Math Interventionist
 - Myah Trujillo- 4th Grade
 - Jennifer Atkinson- Special Education
 - Grace Wadsworth- Paraprofessional
 - Chandler Shipman- Paraprofessional

School Improvement:

- During our August 11 Institute Day, staff members met to discuss needs of students and continued mandated training. New teachers met with their mentor teachers to review back to school basics.
- Core curriculum, data driven decision making, and social emotional learning will be areas of focus for the 23-24 school year.

PBIS:

- At Central, Clipper Cash will be used to reward positive behaviors. The Clipper Cart has been restocked and refreshed thanks to Central School PTC and our PBIS team.
- The PBIS team met on August 11 to begin planning for quarterly school-wide celebrations. PBIS Boot Camp Basic will introduce students to behavior expectations on Wednesday, August 16.

B. Superintendent Reports

5. Action: Executive Session
6. Action: Return to Open Session
7. Action: Personnel Resignations
8. Action: Personnel Hirings
9. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment