

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

Thursday, January 22, 2026
6:30 PM

Central School Gym
30 E Provost Street
Amboy, IL 61310

REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

1. Call to Order / Pledge of Allegiance
 - A. Roll Call
 - B. Action: Public Hearing on Transfer of Funds
 - C. Open Forum
 - D. 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, 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: _____

3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Student Activity Account
 - C. Current Expenditures & Payroll
4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
January 2026

School Activities:

- January 6 we had an all school assembly to recognize our rockstars of the week and get an update on our reading progress.
- Our Family Bingo Night is scheduled for February 6 from 6-7 p.m. in the Central School gym.
- On January 6 our 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students completed MySAEBRS.
- Our classroom teachers completed SAEBRS for each of our students.
- Second quarter report cards were sent home with students on January 9.

School Improvement:

- On our January 5 Institute Day teachers worked on report cards. During our staff meeting teachers reviewed 5 Essentials Data, Illinois School Report Card data, and Leader in Me progress.

PBIS:

- Our students earned 10,000 AR points and earned pop rockin' punch and a musical snack on Friday, January 16.



**Amboy High School
Principal's Report
January 2026
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Peyton Payne.
- Mr. Kolton is starting to meet with Freshmen, sophomores, and Juniors to go over course options for next year.
 - 8th-grade students will hear from Mr. Kolton on Feb 2nd, and 8th-grade parents are invited to hear about high school course options and SVCC's IMPACT program on February 4th at 6 pm.
 - Sophomore students visited WACC on January 21st to learn about the programs available to Juniors and Seniors.
- Teacher's Institute was held on January 5th. Teachers had record-posting in the morning and then a faculty meeting in the afternoon to answer the question, "What is Learning?" This will lead to conversations about assessments and curriculum.
- Kelly Viall has been awarded a \$4800 grant to purchase CASE classroom materials sponsored by Corteva Agriscience.
- On January 14th, the School Improvement team met to start working through the Illinois Quality Framework. We completed the first 3 standards and scheduled another meeting for February.

School Activities

- Final Exams were held on December 17, 18, and 19.
- Homeroom Material
 - This month focuses on digital citizenship, how to deal with online hate speech, and how young people are too young to be on social media.
 - We started working through Method Learning, a program designed to help freshmen, sophomores, and juniors prepare for the ACT.



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- Scholastic Bowl starts on January 22nd with a home match. Their match vs River Ridge will be broadcasted on Fox 39 at 9:30om on Jan 25.

Looking Ahead

- Scholarship opportunities for juniors and seniors are becoming available. Students should start asking for letters of recommendation.
- Seniors will be encouraged to share their plans for after graduation. We are making a "Senior Spotlight" board to highlight their plans.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
January 22nd, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- A faculty meeting was held during our Teachers Institute Day on Monday, January 5th to discuss standard 7 on the IQF and some general housekeeping items.
- Also, during our Institute Day AJHS teachers went through CPR/AED training. Thank you to Lindsey Spinelli and Tonia Warner for presenting.
- The SIP team met on Thursday, January 15th with Anji Garza to discuss the Critical Components Tool, review previous data, and come up with performance challenges to help guide our plan.

PBIS:

- On Monday, February 2nd we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade-
 - 6th Grade-
 - 7th Grade-
 - 8th Grade-
 - P.E.-
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.-
 - o Positive Office Referral-
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
 - o “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.
 - o “I See You” Awards-

School Activities:

- Girls basketball has officially started and we have 30 girls out with Adri Whitney, Trese McNinch, and Tyler Huggins as coaches.

- Scholastic Bowl has started and we have 11 players out with Yvonne Vicks and Jeannie King as coaches.
- Jostens was here on Wednesday, January 21st to measure the 8th grade students for promotion gowns.
- The AJHS Pep Band was again selected to play at the IESA State Series in Kankakee for the 2A Boys Basketball State Finals on Saturday, February 7th.
- Auditions for the AJHS Spring Play were held on Thursday, January 15th and Friday, January 16th.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Discipline Improvement Plan
6. Action: School Maintenance Project Grant Application
7. Action: Bleachers Quote
8. Action: Van Purchase
9. Action: Asbestos Abatement Project
10. Action: Executive Session
11. Action: Return to Open Session
12. Action: Student Discipline
13. Action: Personnel
14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment