

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

Thursday, February 19, 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. 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, JANUARY 22, 2026 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. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Jeannine Otto, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the permanent transfer of funds. Superintendent Nichols explained that this allows us to transfer the sales tax funds (\$50,000) from Capital Projects to Debt Service to cover the abated taxes. There were no questions or comments from the audience or the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adopt the resolution authorizing an interfund transfer from the Capital Projects Fund to the Debt Service Fund, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Andrew Full and Yvonne Vicks presented the Junior High RtI Target Percentages winter data. Katie Pratt handed out a flyer/registration form for the Amboy FFA Alumni Trivia Night on March 7, 2026 and a flyer containing information for the Cultivating Connections In Agriculture conference on February 27, 2026.

Board Committee Reports: Drew Montavon shared information on the sessions he attended at the Triple I Conference in Chicago. It was announced that the Amboy Education Foundation's Wine & Cheese Gala is April 11, 2026.

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

- Minutes of the December 18, 2025 open & closed meetings.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received 89% of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$364,784 in sales tax revenue. This represents roughly 100% of the anticipated local revenue and roughly 46% of the anticipated state revenue. The district has used 56% this fiscal year. The operating funds' expenditures are as anticipated.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve to open a Junior High School FFA activity account. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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.

Principals Andrew Full and Janet Crownhart summarized their presented reports covering curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS.

Superintendent Nichols pointed out a couple items from the maintenance report: 1) The new radios are up and running. 2) A couple more outside cameras on the bus garage and a hallway camera at Central School have been installed.

FOIA requests received: 1) Owen Wang, NW Illinois News requested copies of all vendor contracts over \$1,000. We do not organize our records this way, so there was nothing to share. 2) Illinois Retired Teachers Association asked for information on teachers that are retiring at the end of the year. We have none planned, so there was nothing to share. 3) Chris Miller, Public Info Access LLC, requested the dollar thresholds requiring approval. He was directed to our board policy and links were shared in a timely manner. 4) Owen Wang, NW Illinois News requested contracts/bargaining agreements for all active full-time aides. These documents are publicly available on the district's website, and a link was shared in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to approve the Discipline Improvement Plan, as presented. We are in the top 20% of schools for using exclusionary discipline (suspensions). The state has us develop a plan to reduce the amount. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve to submit the School Maintenance Project Grant application, as presented. We are asking for \$50,000 to help offset the costs of the asbestos tile abatement and replacement project at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the quote from Southern Bleacher Company, Inc. for bleachers, as presented. This will replace the current bleachers with ADA-compliant raised bleachers, approximately 755 on the home side and 162 on the visitor side. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to approve the purchase of a 2024 Chrysler Pacifica Van, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Stenzel to approve the quote from Ideal Environmental Engineering, Inc. for the asbestos abatement project at Central School, as presented. This will remove and replace asbestos tile in the east hallway of Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:05 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers 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 and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:37 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Powers to approve the suspensions of students 1-22-26-1 through 1-22-26-6, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to approve to employ the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Ethan Knieser as Science Teacher at the High School, effective January 5, 2026; Katie Lahman as Certified School Nurse, effective January 5, 2026; Tyler Huggins as 6th Grade Girls Basketball Coach; Hannah Riley as a substitute Van Driver; and the separation of employment of Elizabeth Murphy as Lunchroom Supervisor at Central School, effective January 13, 2026. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates: Regular Board Meeting-Thursday, February 19, 2026, 6:30 p.m., at Central School and School Board Retreat-Saturday, March 7, 2025, at the Junior High School.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting at 7:39 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Confidential Executive Session Minutes
- C. 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 Jr. High School
Principal's Report
February 19th, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- Grade level team meetings were held on January 29th to discuss students, plan trips, and fill out SAEBRS reports.
- During our SIP Day on February 2nd the AJHS faculty/staff did a deep data dive into the IAR reports, looking for trends facilitated by Anji Garza. Faculty/staff also received SEL training from Grace Heimerdinger-Baake from the ROE.
- The SIP team met with Anji Garza on February 4th to discuss students with the student assistance team. The SIP team also looked at trends from last year's IAR reports.
- The SIP team met with Anji Garza on Tuesday, February 10th to discuss the following topics: testing procedures for faculty, staff, and students. Testing incentives for students and performance/growth data on last year's IAR/ISA.

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- Dilynn Whitney and Henry Henkel
 - 6th Grade- Brycen Moore and Paisley Kant
 - 7th Grade- Leah Bodmer and Lilly Dolan
 - 8th Grade- Nolan Scully and Alexis White
 - P.E.- Jasmine Mount and Eli Lewis
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Cash Henkel, Jonathan Hurst, Ella Loomis, Kieran McBride, Leah Boyer, Augie Boyle, Aubreyanne Kimball, Mackenna Alletto, Makayla Phillips, Chandler Reber, Logan Albee, Leah Bonnell, Cylis Jackley, Caidie Phelps, Nolan Scully, Kylie Vaupel, and Scott Willstead.

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Monica Joerger and Sara Krabbenhoeft
- “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.
- “I See You” Awards- Courtney Thompson, Toni Fassig, and Michelle Haub
- Young Authors Awards

School Activities:

- On January 26th, the school spelling bee was held with eight students participating. Julius Jones won and will be representing AJHS at the Regional Spelling Bee. Summer Nantz came in second place.
- On February 2nd, 8th grade students took the Illinois Youth Survey.
- On February 4th, Mr. Kolton held 8th grade course selection night for 8th grade students going into high school.
- On February 14th, the AJHS girls basketball program hosted their annual 7th/8th grade tournament. The 7th grade placed _____ and the 8th grade finished _____.



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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Kiera Karlson.
- Mr. Kolton has been discussing course selection with students and hosted a parent nights for all grade levels. While returning students and parents' attendance was limited, 81% of incoming freshmen parents came to learn about course registration.
- Scholarship forms and applications are available on the website for the foundation scholarships. Other local scholarships are online and in the shelving unit outside the office.
- January 21st, the Sophomore class visited WACC to learn about the programs offered for next year.
- January 28, FFA attended the Ground Zero Conference at Western Illinois University. Participants included Laci Daniels, Leah Dempsey, Jacie Blaine, Addison Bump, and Sydney Noble. They spent the day with other freshmen and sophomores from the state learning about leadership and teambuilding.
- On January 31, FFA members participated in the Section 2 Meats Evaluation contest at Eickmann's. Nicho Warner placed 8th in questions.
- February 4th, FFA competed in Proficiency Interviews about their record books. Tyler Mahar - Ag Sales, Scott Willstead - Discovery Star Farmer, Jacie Blaine - Equine Production, Logan Ketchum - Food Service, Jake Dinges - Safety. Tyler and Scott will be moving on to the District 1 competition in March.
- February 6th, Jacie Blaine, Kaitlyn Dempsey, and Addison Bump attended the State Horse Judging at Blackhawk East College. They judged classes of geldings, mares, ranch riding, and equitation.
- Mrs. Holldorf presented to area superintendents at the ROE in Sterling about the mentor program and changes we had made for this year.



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Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



- On January 24th and February 2nd, AHS participated in its first Cheer Competition in Sterling. They placed 2nd!
- Congratulations to Jake Dinges and Logan Ketchum for being recommended to receive their Illinois FFA State Degrees.
- The varsity scholastic bowl team placed 5th at the conference meet at East Dubuque HS on January 24th.
- The JV Scholastic Bowl team placed 5th at the conference meet at Pecatonica HS on January 22nd.
- The scholastic bowl team defeated River Ridge in the first round of the Stateline Quizbowl tournament. They will play Keith Country Day of Rockford in the Sweet 16.

School Activities

- Homeroom Material
 - Students completed a Bike Safety Quiz through Ride Illinois. We will receive a check for \$388 funded through IDOT's Pedestrian and Bicycle Safety grant program.
 - Students completed the 5-essentials survey
 - Students worked on Method Learning to help prepare for the ACT.
- Norah Shearer is the new NW Illinois Athlete Representative! Winning by a landslide. She acquired 70% of the votes. She will represent the 600 swimmers in our district and will go onto compete to be the Illinois rep at the national level in a few weeks.

**Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
February 2026**

School Activities:

- On February 2 we had our school assembly to recognize our rockstars of the week and update our progress towards the school wide reading goal.
- We recognized 24 students for having perfect attendance so far this school year. They will be treated to ice cream on Friday, February 20 with Mrs. Meusel.

**Perfect Attendance so far this year!
Ice Cream Party!**

4th Graders

**Addie Montavon
Oliver Leffelman
Everett Grossman
Clare Considine**

3rd Graders

**Ryleigh Wolf
Jaelynn Sullivan
Dany Lahman
Keagan Fenwick
Bryce Anderson**

2nd Graders

**Serenity Seaton
Noah Kessinger
Collins Henkel
Kai Fullington
Magnolia Dunphy
Abigail Burke**

1st Graders

**Parker Nauman
Kitty Doering
Knox Bell**

Kindergarten

**Ila Mae Parker
Sawyer Evans
Myles Dunphy
Nash Alm**

Morning Pre-K

**Jacob Henkel
Knox Kessel**

- Students celebrated their 100th day of school at the end of January! 100 days smarter and stronger!
- Valentine's Day parties were held on February 13th. We had a record breaking family crowd!
- Our family engagement committee hosted a Family Bingo Night on February 6. We had 108 guests attend! Special thanks to Central School PTC for sponsoring the event and our Family Engagement Committee for their hard work.
- Our after school Young Author's Club is starting up and we have 35 students signed up.
- Central PTC Pancake Breakfast is coming up on March 8.
- Preschool Screenings are scheduled for March 18-19. We have 22 students signed up already. 23 of our current preschoolers will go to kindergarten next year.

School Improvement:

- Central School staff members participated in Leader in Me training on our February SIP day.
 - Our Leader in Me Coach, Jen Hearn, pushed into every grade level team time to support teachers and answer questions about the resource. Feedback from staff was very positive.
 - In the afternoon, our Core Lighthouse Team members met together as a team. We then broke down into smaller groups with our action teams: Academics, Culture, and Leadership.

PBIS:

- Mrs. Selover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson on Leader in Me Habit 5:

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood®

What It Means

Habit 5 is about truly listening to others and honoring their perspectives. It's also about having the courage to respectfully say what we think and feel. Habit 5 aligns with the principle of respect.

- Our 3rd Quarter PBIS Celebration will be held at the Sterling Movie Theater, date to be determined. Students will enjoy popcorn and a movie to celebrate their good behavior.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of the 2026-2027 School Calendar
6. Action: Boiler Project Agreement
7. Action: Resolution Authorizing the Sale of the Football Field Bleachers
8. Action: Executive Session
9. Action: Return to Open Session
10. Action: Student Discipline
11. Action: Personnel - Resignations
12. Action: Personnel - Hiring
13. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment