AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
AMBOY, ILLINOIS

Thursday, August 20, 2026
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
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION TUESDAY, JUNE 16, 2026, 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 except White. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Yvonne Vicks, Anna Willis, Lindsay Spinelli, Angie Dallam, Emily Rose, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt declared the public hearing on the 2025-2026 amended budget open. Superintendent Nichols reviewed the amended budget and stated that this was necessary to accommodate the bleacher project. There were no questions or comments. Pratt closed the hearing. A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Montavon to approve the 2025-2026 amended budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened for public comments. Emily Rose and Lindsay Spinelli proposed having a therapy dog for the High School. How this would help students and the logistics were discussed. Other school districts already have a board policy in place and use a therapy dog. The board will discuss and get back to them with an answer. Yvonne Vicks and Andrew Full presented the Spring reading and math test data.

Board Committee Reports: Superintendent Nichols gave a brief update on negotiations for both unions, AEA and Teamsters.

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

- Minutes of the May 14, 2026 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated December 19, 2024.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For the financial reports, Superintendent Nichols shared that the district has received 101% of the anticipated revenue for the year and $677,152 in sales tax revenue. The district has used 85% this fiscal year.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to adopt the resolution authorizing continued summer business operations of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, as presented. This allows the district to expend funds until the 2026-2027 tentative budget is adopted and put on display in August and approved in September, covers the expenses/bills during July when there is no board meeting, and grants the administration the ability to accept resignations and hire staff during the month of July. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Superintendent Nichols reported on the following: 1) Bleachers project. 2) Asbestos abatement. 3) Sanitary line backflow preventer. 4) Summer cleaning crews. 5) Fresh fruit and vegetable program.

FOIA Request: Data Branch Research Team requested records on a particular list of companies. We provide them when records are available.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 2026-2027 student handbooks, as presented. These are updated using the Illinois Principals Association's model student handbook. Principals Crownhart and Full discussed the Homework Policy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the Junior High School Improvement Plan, as presented. This is needed to remain compliant with the "targeted" designation. The summary was added since the first reading. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the DYOPATH Managed Services Agreement, as presented. Erate is providing $31,412 towards this contract. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Brokaw to adopt the resolution authorizing the sale of O & M surplus items, as presented: (1) 20" propane powered floor burnisher, (1) sealed container of R22 refrigerant, (1) Genie Model 24 vertical lift, (3) storage sheds, and (23) cases of glass block. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to approve the quote from Brothers Flooring for the floors at Central School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Montavon to approve the two quotes from the Benchmark Education Company for the Benchmark Advance 2022 and the Steps to Advance Literacy Solutions, as presented. This is the new reading curriculum at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Stenzel to approve the quote from Helm Service for sewer backup repair at the High School, as presented. This will install a backwater check on the sanitary line to prevent future backups. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

To approve the Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement between the Board of Education of Amboy CUSD 272, the Board of Education of LaMoille CUSD 303, and the Board of Education of Ohio CHSD 505 to consolidate girls volleyball, girls basketball, and boys baseball programs for grades 9-12 for the 2026-2027 school year, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:22 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, 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 8:03 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Brokaw to approve the suspensions of students 6-16-26-1 through 6-16-26-31, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Payne to accept the retirement resignation of Elizabeth Jones, according to the early retirement incentive of the collective bargaining agreement, effective at the conclusion of the 2029-2030 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to accept the resignations of Ashley Medlin as Social Studies Teacher at the High School, Noah DeLong as Social Studies Teacher at the Junior High School, and Jill Royer as Title I Reading Teacher at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Scarlett Bunders as Special Education Teacher at the High School and Rick Lambert as Social Studies Teacher at

the High School, both effective for the 2026-2027 school year and Tabitha Berogan as Assistant Head Cook, effective August 1, 2026. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced that there's no July meeting and the next scheduled meetings are the Finance Meeting on Thursday, August 6, 6:30 p.m., Junior High School and the Regular Meeting on Thursday, August 20, 6:30 p.m., Junior High School.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 8:04 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Elsa Payne, Secretary

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Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

B. Delete Audio Recordings

3. Action: Financial Reports
   A. Review of Financial Reports
   B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
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Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
August 21th, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- Throughout the summer the School Improvement Team has met to discuss the following topics: Scheduling, RtI, Grade Level Team Meetings, Significant 24, State Mandates, Special Education, Rigor, etc…
- In July, the School Improvement Team went through the Essential Facilitator training at the ROE.
- 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 12th and 13th for Teachers' Institute where various topics were discussed (welcome back, return to school, faculty meetings, Significant 24, discipline, data collection, mandated trainings, SLO's, special education, SEL, etc…)

PBIS:

School Activities:

- 5th-8th grade volleyball has started with the coaches being Lisa Moore, Lindsey Kaleel, Maddie Harvey, and Courtney Thompson. We have 56 girls signed up and practicing.
- On August 11th we hosted our 5th grade Back to School Night and had 100% attendance.
- On August 13th we hosted our 6th-8th grade Back to School Night and had all but 8 students show up.
- Faculty, staff, and students went through the Significant 24 during the first two days of school.

- Thank you to all the summer workers and custodians for making the school look great!

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
August 2026

School Activities:

- Our 4th grade hallway floor and walls look phenomenal!
- We added a mural to the library and cafeteria thanks to our Casey's grant.
- 3 more teachers are receiving new classroom furniture due to the generous donation of Central School PTC.
- Thank you to our custodians and summer crew for their hard work cleaning and refreshing our school. Many new jobs were tackled and the school looks amazing!
- Preschool classes are scheduled to begin on August 21. There are 40 preschoolers enrolled and we have 15 on our waiting list.
- The Book-It committee met this summer to prepare and plan for our "Central School is Out of this World" 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 12 from 4:00 p.m.- 6:00 p.m. Parents and students dropped off supplies, visited teachers, and toured the school. Students also completed a Leader in Me scavenger hunt to introduce families to the 7 habits.
- Bus Evacuation Drill was held on Friday, August 14.
- We welcomed the following staff to Central School:
    - Stephany Nelson- Title I teacher
    - Kayla Schaefer- Preschool Student Teacher

School Improvement:

- Our August 12 Institute Day was held at Central School this year.
- During our August 13 Institute Day teachers participated in a full day of Benchmark Advance ELA training.

PBIS:

- At Central, Clipper Cash will be used to reward positive behaviors.
- PBIS Boot Camp Basic introduced students to behavior expectations on Friday, August 14.

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

Curriculum and School Improvement

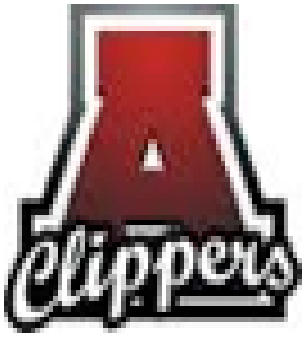
- Student of the Year for 2025-2026 was Ellie McLaughlin!
- We have 12 students attending SVCC and then AHS for 4 classes, 12 co-op & Internship students, 45 attending AHS in the morning then WACC in the afternoon, and one attending 1st period at AHS and SVCC rest of the day.
- We would like to welcome Scarlett Bunders for Special Education and Rick Lambert for Social Studies.

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.
- "Meet the Clippers" took place on August 14 in the HS gym with a volleyball team scrimmage, followed by a recognition of the rest of the fall activities at the football field.

Building Activities

- Mr. Wagner and the summer custodial crew once again did a fantastic job preparing the school for the students' return and did a great job of allowing access to as many areas as possible throughout the summer.
- Student Council did a great job hosting the Freshmen/New student orientation on August 12th. Students went through their schedules, made locker signs, played games, and had questions about high school answered.



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



- Education, manufacturing, nursing and agricultural pathways have been approved for this school year. We are planning to meet monthly with students in the program to make sure they are making adequate progress.

- New teachers met with Mrs. Crownhart a couple times over the summer and on August 10th to get acclimated with the school and how our school year runs.

- Teachers Institute was held on August 12th and 13th. Teachers were welcomed back to school, given time to work in their classrooms, and attended professional development on Building Positive Relationships.

- We held the 1st day of school activities on August 14th with games, music, challenges, and goal setting. We also completed our bus evacuation drill. Special thanks to the Student Council Officers, Addi Blaine for leading the day and Ms Harvey for helping to organize it.

- Focus for the year is on the College & Career Readiness Standard of Attendance. 8 or fewer absences in the year is the goal. Weekly, monthly, and quarterly prizes will be given for all who meet a goal, as well as semester and yearly random prizes for those who are excelling with attendance.

- Phone boxes have been placed in every classroom to help with distractions during class time. No student should have their phones during the 40-minute class periods.

B. Superintendent Reports
C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
6. Action: Van Purchases
7. Action: Regarding LaMoille High School Deactivation
8. Action: Executive Session
9. Action: Return to Open Session
10. Action: Personnel - Resignations
11. Action: Personnel - Hiring
12. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment