

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

Thursday, October 15, 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
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE SPECIAL MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 3, 2026, AT 6:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL CONFERENCE ROOM**

President Pratt called a special meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Janet Crownhart, Darryl Hogue, and Yvonne Vicks. Superintendent Nichols was not present.

A motion was immediately made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to move to executive session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:25 pm a motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Stenzel to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Yvonne Vicks entered the meeting.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to appoint Darryl Hogue as Interim Superintendent and approve the Interim Superintendent Contract. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 6:26 pm a motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2026 AT 6:30 P.M.
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 Brokaw. Also present were Yvonne Vicks, Kelly Viall, Joe Heavner, Anna Willis, Janet Crownhart, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the public hearing on the 2026-2027 budget. The tentative budget that was presented in August has been on display as required by law. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. There were none. There were no comments and /or questions from the board. President Pratt declared the public hearing closed.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Powers to adopt the 2026-2027 budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. Kelly Viall and Joe Heavner created an Amboy High & Amboy Middle School Agricultural Education Annual Report for the 2025-2026 school year. This was presented and discussed.

Board Committee Reports: The Sylvan Shuffle had the largest number of participants thus far.

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

- Minutes of the August 6, 2026 finance meeting;
- Minutes of the August 20, 2026 open & closed meetings; and
- Delete audio recordings dated March 8, 2025 & March 20, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

Principals Jessica Meusel and Janet Crownhart reviewed their presented reports. Crownhart also spoke a little about Weightlifting Club.

Janet Crownhart reported on the following Superintendent reports: 1) Purchasing a program through Follett for the maintenance department that will help document the building systems. 2) Stair treads for outside bleachers. 3) Tile broke at the bus garage causing flood. 4) Teamsters agreement missing second page of the pay scale.

FOIA requests received: CT Mills requested phone lines. Argo and Starbridge Records requested vendors that we purchase from. Janet Crownhart responded to all and complied in a timely manner.

The first reading of the Memorandum of Understanding Between the Amboy CUSD 272 and the Amboy Education Association was presented. This clarifies the implementation and order of use regarding the bonus milestone sick days awarded under the collective bargaining agreement.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to adopt the policy revisions from Issue 122 of the Illinois Association of School Boards, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to approve the quotes from Dixon Glass Company for three door replacements at the High School, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve the quote from Scutum for an electric strike installation, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by White and seconded by Payne to approve the quote from Rocket Fence LLC for fencing around the agriculture shop, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to adopt the student and teacher guidelines for the responsible use of Artificial Intelligence (AI), as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:01 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, matters relating to individual students, and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:25 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 Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the suspensions of students 9-17-26-1 through 9-17-26-2, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Payne to approve the early graduation request of student #26033, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by White to accept the resignation of Abigail Hatheway as Cook, effective September 4, 2026. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to approve the employment of the following pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Stephanie Galvan as Cook, effective September 22, 2026; Nevaeh Sheaves as Bus Aide, effective September 14, 2026; Sarah Land as Science Club Sponsor at the Junior High; John Spinelli as Varsity Wrestling Coach; and Ethan Knieser as Fresh/Soph Wrestling Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced upcoming dates:

Northwest Division Hybrid Meeting-Thursdays, October 8, 2026

Regular Board Meeting-Thursdays, October 15, 2026-AJHS-6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to adjourn the meeting at 7:28 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Confidential Executive Session Minutes
- C. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Presentation of Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC
 - B. 2026 Annual Financial Report
 - C. Review of Financial Reports
 - D. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports

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



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Leighton Gulley.
- On September 15, Mr. Kemmerer attended the NUIC South Back a& Choir Conference meeting.
- On September 22nd, Mrs. Wiseman attended the Library Consortium Meeting in Rock Falls.
- On September 24th, Mrs. Cleary took 8 students to Freeport to a Yearbook Workshop.
- Mr. Kolton attended the SVCC counselor meeting to get updates about admissions, dual credit, financial aid, and academic programs on September 24.
- On September 29th, the School Improvement team met to discuss data from last years surveys and work on activities for upcoming SIP days.
- On October 2nd, Ms Rose took 6 students to SVCC to the cadaver and science labs.
- On October 2nd, Mr Kolton attended the WACC counselor meeting to get general updates as well as updates on the Pathway program.
- On October 6th, Mr Kolton attended the University of Alabama Counselor Luncheon in Naperville.
- On October 6th, Mrs. Wiseman attended Oregon High School for the ROE library meeting with the librarians in the district.
- Mr. Kolton hosted a Financial Aid night on October 14th. Members from SVCC financial aid office presented.
- Mrs. Cleary took about 20 students to the Figge Art Museum on October 15th to tour artworks and participate in a workshop.



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- 11 junior students took the PSAT/NMSQT on October 15th. This optional test allows students to qualify for the National Merit Scholarship.

School Activities

- Picture Retakes were held on September 23rd.
- Homecoming was held the week of September 21. It started with PowderPuff being canceled on Sunday due to the rain. Then the rest of the week, students worked on decorating halls, painting banners, and dress-up days. Skit night on Thursday announced our King and Queen: Jose Lopez and Morgan Kreiser. Parade and football game on Friday night. The dance on Saturday night ended the week.
- The band participated in the Harvest Time Parade in Oregon on October 4th. The band got 2nd overall.
- On October 13, Volleyball hosted Pink Night with their game vs. Morrison.
- Stacey Dinges from the ROE and Lindsay Spinelli has been meeting with students participating in the Pathways program. There could be 3 students in both Nursing and Education that could earn the endorsement this year.

Looking Ahead

- 1st Quarter ends on October 16th, with PT Conferences on Oct 22nd & 23rd
- Final exams will be held on December 16th, 17th, and 18th.



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
October 15th, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- In the morning on September 21st, faculty/staff and students went through our annual law enforcement/dangerous intruder drill.
- During the afternoon of our SIP day, the faculty/staff went through the law enforcement drill with our local law enforcement. Also, the following meetings were held: faculty, math/science department, and mentor/mentee.
- Our SIP team met with Anji Garza on Thursday, October 8th to discuss the following topics: math/science piloting, math/science surveys, MTSS handbook, teacher grading survey results, and summative designation.

PBIS:

- On Monday, September 21st we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - o Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Savanna Hellquist and Winston Groth
 - 6th Grade- Wyatt Brokaw and Kendall Hopper
 - 7th Grade- Ruth Shearer and Wilhemina Machen
 - 8th Grade- Ali Althaus and Gillian Schneider
 - P.E.- Zachary Sibley and Ellie Henkel
 - o Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Duke Bergfeld, Vivian Fransen, January Greer, Cameron Keene, Otto Kempson, Adaline Montavon, Wyatt Brokaw, Carson Dinges, Johnathn Duffy, Kendall Helms, Chandler Reber, Micaela Lopez, Tuc Bergfeld, Liam Carter, Evelyn Hubbell, Wilhemina Machen, Taiden Payne, Ruth Shearer, Mackenna Alletto, Brandon Hanson, Levi McLaughlin, and Myla Zambrano
 - o Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners- Sarah Land and Brandi Spreeman
 - o “Mint” to Be Here

- “I See You” Award- Sarah Land and Kaylee Torres

School Activities:

- Volleyball season has ended with the 5th/6th grade team placing first at the RRVC Tournament and being crowned conference champions. The 7th/8th grade team finished second at the RRVC Tournament.
- Basketball has started with around 55 boys signed up. Coaches are Trese McNinch, Chris Payne, and Steve Cohrs.
- Boys basketball cheerleading has started with Katie Henkel as the sponsor.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
October 2026

School Activities:

- Thank you to Central PTC for a super successful Donuts with Dudes. Students and family members enjoyed donuts and a fall photo booth. Special shout out to Amboy High School FFA students for supporting our students who needed a VIP!
- Kindergarteners visited Tanner's Orchard for their class field trip on October 2.
- Third graders went on a field trip to Lowell Park for Outdoor Stewardship on October 6.
- On October 5 we had a school assembly to recognize our mission specialists of the week and celebrate our AR point total. We also introduced our student lighthouse team to the school.
- Our Student Lighthouse Team had their first meeting on October 8. Students developed their 26-27 mission statement: "We are respectful, responsible, and committed to working together to create a great school of leaders who feel welcomed, valued, and heard."
- On September 30 students celebrated reaching their individual reading goals by enjoying galaxy popcorn and a space themed movie.
- The YWCA presented body safety lessons to our K-4 students on October 6 and 7.
- Thank you to the Amboy Fire Department and Amboy High School volunteers for teaching our students about fire safety on October 9. Our students learned a lot and received information to take home and share with their parents.
- Our preschool students went to Selmi's on October 9 for their class field trip.
- Fourth graders are painting pumpkins with Mrs. Goslin. Thank you to Jim Travi and the Amboy Lions Club for donating pumpkins for our fourth graders.
- First quarter ended on October 16 and parent teacher conferences are being held October 22 and 23.
- Our Fall party will be held on October 30 from 2:30-3:00.
- The family engagement team is hosting our 2nd annual Trunk or Treat on October 30 from 5:00-6:30 p.m. at the Central School blacktop.

School Improvement:

- Our LIM Core Lighthouse team met on October 8 to debrief our SIP day action team meetings. Each action team identified their area of focus for the 26-27 school year, created action steps to achieve those results, and determined how they would measure growth and success.
- Kindergarten teachers entered KIDS assessment data on October 15.

PBIS:

- October's Leader in Me skill is Begin with the End in Mind. Mrs. Seloover is visiting classrooms to work on making a plan to accomplish personal goals.

Central School Happenings

The Student Lighthouse Team is dedicated to illuminating and elevating student voice across our school community. By actively applying the 7 Habits, these dynamic student leaders will cultivate a vibrant leadership culture, one that empowers all students to take true ownership of their initiatives, growth, and school spirit.

Beyond developing strong leadership skills, this hands-on experience directly drives academic achievement. As students build accountability, goal-setting habits, and creative problem-solving skills, they gain the confidence and focus needed to excel in the classroom, setting a standard of excellence in both character and scholarship!



FFA VIP visitors!



Getting down to business



B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Memorandum of Understanding with the Amboy Education Association
6. Action: Executive Session
7. Action: Return to Open Session
8. Action: Student Discipline
9. Action: Personnel - Resignations
10. Action: Personnel - Hiring
11. Action: Personnel
12. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment