AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT
SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
AMBOY, ILLINOIS

Tuesday, November 17, 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
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MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION THURSDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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. Also present were Darryl Hogue, Ryan Steines, Yvonne Vicks, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, Jessica Meusel, and Jenny Apple.

President Pratt opened the floor for public comments. There were none.

Board Committee Reports: There were none.

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

- Minutes of the September 3, 2026 special open and closed meetings;
- Minutes of the September 17, 2026 open & closed meetings;
- Keep all executive session minutes from December 18, 2025 through June 16, 2026 closed to the public; and
- Delete audio recordings dated April 17, 2025.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The next order of business was the presentation of the Annual Financial Audit by Ryan Steines of Winkel, Parker & Foster, CPA PC. According to the report, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the assets and liabilities arising from cash transactions of Amboy Community Unit School District #272 as of June 30, 2026, and its revenues received and expenditures disbursed during the year then ended, in accordance with the financial reporting provisions prescribed by the Illinois State Board of Education.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the Annual Financial Audit Report as of June 30, 2026, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The financial reports were presented in the board packet. Interim Superintendent, Darryl Hogue, discussed certificate of deposit (CD) rates and adding more to reserves. He also shared some information on the tax levy which will be presented at the November meeting.

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

Principals Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel summarized their presented reports. Each report contains recent curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS. Crownhart announced that $17,000 was raised during the volleyball Pink Night.

For the Superintendent report, Darryl Hogue shared information about the maintenance grant. This was presented on the Maintenance Director's report. The funds will mainly be used to replace two steam units at Central School.

FOIA Requests: William Heimbigner, News Source of Lee/Ogle/Whiteside Counties requested nurse salary and information. Janet Crownhart responded and complied in a timely manner.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve the Memorandum of Understanding between the Amboy CUSD #272 and the Amboy Education Association, as presented. This clarifies the

implementation and order of use regarding the bonus milestone sick days awarded under the collective bargaining agreement. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to approve the lowest bid of OPS (Outdoor Property Services), Ohio, IL, for snow removal services from November 2026 to April 2027. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:04 p.m., a motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to move to executive session to discuss appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance, or dismissal of specific employees, and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:39 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Montavon to approve the suspensions of students 10-15-26-1 through 10-15-26-6, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the early graduation request of student #27021, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Brokaw and seconded by White to accept the resignations of Allison Fox as Junior High Cheer Coach and Sydnie Garriott as High School Winter Cheer Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Powers to approve the following personnel pending successful criminal background checks, proper licensure, and submission of pre-employment requirements: Amber Buckley as Part-Time Cook, effective September 29, 2026 and Katie Henkel as Junior High Cheer Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Powers and seconded by Brokaw to approve the medical leave request, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced a looking ahead date:

Regular Board Meeting – Tuesday, November 17, 2026, 6:30 p.m., Central School

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 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. 2026 Tentative Tax Levy
   C. Student Activity Account
   D. Current Expenditures & Payroll
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Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
November 17th, 2026
Submitted by: Andrew Full

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- During the afternoon of our School Improvement Day on October 21st, the faculty and staff went through the poverty simulation provided by the ROE. Mentors and mentees were also given a chance to meet.
- On Friday, October 23rd, Mrs. Wiseman, Ms. Scriven, and Mr. Full attended the first meeting of the Rural AI Cohort at SVCC.
- The AJHS School Improvement Team met with Anji Garza on Thursday, November 5th to discuss the following topics: student success team, RtI, math/science pilots, survey results, and MTSS handbook.
- During the afternoon of our School Improvement Day on November 11th, AJHS faculty and staff did a data dive into our IAR scores, which was led by Anji Garza.

PBIS:

- On Wednesday, November 11th we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
    - Students of the Month-
        - 5th Grade- Leo Henkel and Duke Bergfeld
        - 6th Grade- Natalee Hellquist and Elly O'Malley
        - 7th Grade- Mila Burke and Emery Williams
        - 8th Grade- Kaiya Kaleel and Emersyn Miller
        - P.E.- Audrey Hanson and Vivian Fransen
    - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Isabel Burke, Everett Grossman, Winston Groth, Leo Henkel, Jayce Miller, Paisley Payne, Tessa Thomas, Ben Bodmer, Elly O'Malley, Noah Schnittker, Brooklyn Larson, Emersyn Moore, Griffin Ohlendorf, Rudra Patel, Audree Schaefer, Ali Althaus, Kensley Helm, Jaiden Phelps, Zachary Sibley, and Jamison Meyer.

- Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
- "Mint" to Be Here
- "I See You" Award- Mr. Delimata, Ms. Vicks, and Mrs. Kuper

School Activities:

- On Friday, October 16th, the 8th grade attended the Pathways Playground at SVCC presented by the ROE.
- First quarter PBIS celebration was held on October 21st. Students who qualified were able to watch and movie and receive a snack.
- On October 21st, the ELA, Social Studies, and P.E. departments held our annual Glow Night.
- On October 29th, the 5th grade attended a STEM read at the Elks in Dixon presented by the ROE.
- The AJHS FFA Food Service Team placed first in their recent competition:
  - Emersyn Miller- 1st Place
  - Mackenna Alletto- 2nd Place
  - Taylyr McNinch- 3rd Place
  - Eyan O'Malley- 4th Place
  - Brison Fenwick- 5th Place
- On Thursday, November 5th the math and science departments hosted a STEM Night.
- On Friday, November 6th and Saturday, November 7th the AJHS 7th grade boys basketball team competed at the Ladd Veterans Day Tournament and placed 3rd.
- On November 11th, the district gathered for the Veterans Day assembly. Thank you to Mrs. Meusel for organizing this.
- On Friday, November 13th the Speech Team traveled to Cornell to compete in the IESA Speech Competition. Member of the team include: Harper Meusel, Isabel Burke, Adaline Montavon, Micaela Lopez, Destiny Davis, Paisley Payne, Camille Scully, Natalee Hellquist, and Olivia Henkel. They are coached by Ms. Vicks.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
November 2026

School Activities:

- Parent Teacher conferences were held on October 22 and 23. 98.8% of our parents attended parent/teacher conferences.
- Fall Parties were held on October 30 and students enjoyed their October AR reward Alien Slime Lab.
- Our Central School Family Engagement Committee held their second annual Trunk or Treat. We had 16 organizations participate! Thank you to our community for their support!
- On November 2 we had an all school assembly to recognize our mission specialists of the week and update our school reading goal.
- Students earned 5,000 AR points so we celebrated with an Astronaut Training Obstacle Course during specials.
- On November 11 we held our district wide Veterans Day Assembly. Special thanks to our veterans, music department, student speakers, and staff for their involvement.

School Improvement:

- On our November 11 SIP day staff members met within their action teams.
- 70% of our 3rd graders were proficient in ELA and 65% of our 3rd graders were proficient in Math! These are our highest scores in our school's IAR history! Top scores ever in grades 3-8 in ELA and Math! INCREDIBLE!!!!

PBIS:

- November's Leader in Me focus is Begin with the End in Mind. Mrs. Seloover is visiting classrooms to present a lesson.

AMBOY CENTRAL ELEMENTARY SCHOOL EARNS EXEMPLARY RATING!

TRI-COUNTY TOP PERFORMER

Central School was **1 of 8** elementary schools to earn a top **exemplary** rating out of **33 elementary schools** across **Lee, Ogle,** and **Whiteside Counties!**

READING PROFICIENCY

64.3%
PROFICIENT



OUR HIGHEST READING PROFICIENCY IN THE LAST 8 YEARS!

CONSISTENT ATTENDANCE



Thank you to our families for promoting consistent school attendance!

NEXT YEAR'S GOAL

We hope to see that increase to

ABOVE 90%



Striving for greater attendance together.

Amboy Central Elementary School

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

Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month was Gage Mumm!!
- Abel Valdez was selected as the September Student of the Month for Building Trades.
- Lila Rieskamp was selected as the October Student of the Month for Allied Health.
- Amboy High School has earned the Exemplary Status on the Illinois School Report Card.
- During Parent-Teacher conferences, ISAC (Illinois Student Assistance Commission) had a representative present to help families with filling out the FAFSA application.
- On October 21st, the ROE hosted a Poverty Simulation for staff during the afternoon SIP day. The simulation gave staff an opportunity to understand some of the challenges our students face.
- Parent-Teacher Conferences were held on October 22nd and 23rd.
- On November 3rd, Clipper PRIDE and "Mint to Be Here" awards for October and 1st quarter were handed out to students.
    - Pride award winners: Charley Henkel, Emma Richardson, Erika Decker, Mason Heath, Maddie Phillips, Alivia Schultz, Abel Belan, James Eisenberg, Sophya Fonderolli, Karona Gall, Gianna Dempsey, Ian Hassler, Gavin Spinelli
    - "Mint to Be Here" - 95 of the 207 students had perfect attendance for the month of October; 52 students had perfect attendance for 1st quarter.

School Activities

- During homeroom this month, students have been working on the next few social-emotional learning (SEL) lessons with the "ALL IN" theme from Josten's Renaissance. Freshmen, Sophomores, and Juniors started working through ACT prep

with the Mastery Prep, and seniors completed soft skills lessons through Crash Course Business.

- Seniors have been offered an OSHA-10 class, online, that they can do during homeroom in order to get their OSHA-10 card. No takers yet.

- The Academic Bowl team participated in the Stateline Quiz Bowl on November 15th in Rockford. It will air the end of January.

- Fall play, "Legend of Sleepy Hollow," took place on October 30th, 31st, and November 1st. The cast, crew, and staff did a great job!

- Government students are busy preparing for their service-learning projects. Some groups have set up drives for baby supplies, clothing, and water bottles, while others are hosting days to teach their sport, like golf and basketball.

- AMW (Amboy Morning Workouts) is a before-school workout program for female students in the off-season. They started the first week of November and have had 12-15 girls at each workout. Started by Nicole Jones, they meet 2 mornings a week.

- Fall Sports are almost finished. Congratulations to Henry Nichols & Tyler Mahar on making it to state for Cross Country and to Norah Shearer for making it to state for Swim.

Looking Ahead

- Winter Sports are getting started.

- Auditions for the Spring Musical are Dec 5. "Once Upon A Matress"

- Student Council is hosting a blood drive on November 30.

- Final exams will be held on December 16th, 17th, and 18th.

Amboy High School
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November 2026
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart

B. Superintendent Reports
C. FOIA Requests

5. Discussion: First Reading of the Intergovernmental Agreement on Deactivation between Amboy CUSD #272 and LaMoille CUSD #303
6. Discussion: First Reading of Issue 123 of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
7. Action: Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2026 to pay debt service on the General Obligation School Bonds (Alternate Revenue Source), Series 2019A, of the Amboy Community Unit School District #272, Lee County, Illinois.
8. Action: Crossing Guard Job Description
9. Action: Water Heater Quote
10. Action: School Maintenance Project Grant Application
11. Action: Executive Session
12. Action: Return to Open Session
13. Action: Student Discipline
14. Action: Personnel - Resignation
15. Action: Personnel - Hiring
16. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment