

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present except Fox. Also present were: Michele James, George Reigle, Bonnie Morris, Liz Scriven, Deb Cleary, Anna Willis, Ed Morris, Trese McNinch, Bill Spakowski, Nathan Hummel, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full and Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2017-2018 School Budget. The tentative budget has been on display as required by law. Superintendent Thake shared that the year started off without a state budget. SB 1947 (Evidence-Based Funding) has been approved and is now the law. With anticipation in deficit spending because of proration & cuts by the state in previous years, we levy more. Total revenue and total expenditures are looking even. EAV continues to increase. It was \$87,000,000 in 2000 to \$139,000,000 currently. Decline in enrollment isn't helping with what is received from General State Aid. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. There were none. President Jones asked the Board of Education if they had any comments and/or questions about the budget. There were none. President Jones declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schnaiter to approve the 2017-2018 School Budget, and to establish the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2017, and ending on June 30, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. George Reigle, from Green & Associates, introduced himself and shared that the company has been serving the Amboy CUSD 272 for almost 10 years. Bill Spakowski, from Single Path, shared information on adding virtual servers to the three buildings.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the August 10, 2017 Open & Closed Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meetings;
- Minutes of the August 17, 2017 Open & Closed Regular Board Meetings; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated March 24, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

For his Financial Report, Superintendent Thake briefly discussed the revenues that are slowly coming in.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Leffelman to approve the current expenditures and payroll. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The Principal reports were shared, as presented.

A motion as was made by Leffelman and seconded by Johnson to approve the IASB Policy Revisions, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Pratt to pass a Resolution in Support of Public Education, as presented. Superintendent Thake explained the resolution. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:25 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Schnaiter to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body or legal counsel for the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:58 p.m., a motion was made by Payne and seconded by Schnaiter to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Schnaiter to approve Lindsay Spinelli as Certified School Nurse. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Leffelman to approve Christofer Delimata as Student Council Advisor at the Junior High School for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Johnson to approve Andrew Full as 7th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Johnson to approve Jeff Christoffersen as 8th Grade Boys Basketball Coach for the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the High School-Room 105. Regular School Board Meeting on Tuesday, October 24, 2017, 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Johnson to adjourn the meeting at 9:01 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____