

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
BOARD OF EDUCATION
THURSDAY, JANUARY 25, 2018 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 p.m. All board members were present. Also present were Jeff Thake, Ed Morris, Paul Radolph, John Fritz, Matt Willahan, Bonnie Morris, Dave Stenzel, Nichole Stenzel, Danielle Benesh, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen, Anna Willis, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full & Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Ed Morris, Amboy alumnus, shared his life long story that included his senior year, attending University of Illinois, volunteered for the draft and was called to active duty, joined the Air Force Reserves and retired, farmed rural Amboy, taught special education in Amboy, moved and worked for a publisher in Wheaton, and then returned to rural Amboy. High School Teacher, Danielle Benesh and student, Kaitlyn Ortgiesen introduced the new Amboy Leo's Club. President Jones read a statement from the Board of Education regarding the discussions and decisions on the future of the Junior High School. Following the statement, a presentation on how the Tax Calculator (available on the website) works for an Owner Occupied Home and Farm Land. John Fritz, from the Lee County Treasurer's Office shared information on the subject as well.

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

- Minutes of the December 7, 2017 Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Open Board Meeting;
- Minutes of the December 13, 2017, Special Open Board Meeting;
- Minutes of the December 14, 2017, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Minutes of the December 18, 2017, Special Open Board Meeting; and
- Delete audio recordings dated July 14, 2016 & July 21, 2016.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Thake shared information on the Evidence Based Funding training that he and Principal Nichols attended.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Payne to adopt the resolution for setting a public hearing on February 22, 2018, 7:00 p.m., at the High School to discuss an interfund transfer, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Pratt to open an Amboy Leo's Club student activity account, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The next order of business was Principal Reports, which were reviewed, as presented.

Superintendent Thake brought the Board's attention to the Maintenance Report and the amount of repairs that were made in once month's time at the Junior High School. Thake also reported on the visit from the Kaneland School District.

At 7:35 p.m., a motion was made by Hummel and seconded by Johnson to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:15 p.m., a motion was made by Hummel and seconded by Payne to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Hummel to approve the suspensions of students 1-25-18-1 through 1-25-18-4, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Johnson to accept the retirement resignation of Beth Becker as Home Economics/Horticulture Teacher, effective at the conclusion of the 2017-2018 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Pratt and seconded by Payne to approve Brad Metz as Head Custodian at the High School, effective January 8, 2018. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance/Building & Grounds Committee Meeting – Thursday, February 8, 2018 – High School Room 105 – 7:00 p.m.; Open House – Wednesday, February 21, 2018 – Junior High School – 4:00-6:00 p.m.; Regular School Board Meeting – Thursday, February 22, 2018 – High School – 7:00 p.m.; Board Retreat – Saturday, March 10, 2018 – KSB Community Room.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Hummel to adjourn the meeting at 8:18 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____