

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

Thursday, December 18, 2025
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. Public Hearing - 2025 Tax Levy
 - C. Open Forum
 - D. Board Committee Reports
2. Action: Consent Agenda Items
 - A. Minutes

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**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272 BOARD OF EDUCATION
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 18, 2025, AT 6:30 P.M.
CENTRAL SCHOOL GYM**

President Pratt called the regular meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 p.m. All board members were present except Powers and Montavon. Also present were Joshua Nichols, Scott Johnson, Yvonne Vicks, Anna Willis, Jennifer Phelps, Janet Crownhart, Andrew Full, and Jessica Meusel.

The floor was opened to comments from the audience. Caddie Phelps performed 'Grounded' that won her first place at the state speech contest. Andrew Full and Yvonne Vicks presented the Junior High School STAR Reading & Math, aReading & aMath FastBridge, AUTOREading FastBridge, CBMMath Automaticity FastBridge Fall data. RtI, SAEBRS, IAR & ISA data were presented as well. Rory White explained how the Delegate Assembly operates when he attends this during the Triple I Conference in Chicago.

Drew Montavon entered the meeting at 6:44 p.m.

There were no Board Committee Reports.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Stenzel to approve the following consent agenda items, as presented: minutes of the October 16, 2025, open & closed meetings and delete audio recordings dated May 21, 2024. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Nichols reviewed the financial reports. The district has received \$12,446,047 of the anticipated revenue for the year and \$239,038 in sales tax revenue. This represents 98% of the anticipated local revenue and roughly 27% state revenue. The district has used roughly \$5,510,961 of this fiscal year's operating funds.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by Payne to approve the 2025 tentative tax levy, as presented, and to set a public hearing on Thursday, December 18, 2025, 6:30 p.m., at Central School. Superintendent Nichols provided a summary of the tentative tax levy. He'll present the levy during the public hearing at the December board meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The next order of business was Principal Reports. Andrew Full, Janet Crownhart, and Jessica Meusel reviewed their presented reports. These reports include curriculum and school improvement, school activities, and PBIS.

For his Superintendent Report, Joshua Nichols noted on a few items from the maintenance report He also announced that the High School and Central School earned commendable designation and the Junior High School earned Targeted on the Illinois school report card. He encouraged everyone to take a look at the school report card as it contains much information.

Two FOIA requests were received. 1) CT Mills, Public Info Access LLC, requested staff information. This is available on the district's website so a link to those pages were provided. 2) SmartProcure requested the district's spending and purchasing information. This request comes several times a year and Molly Noble responds in a timely manner.

The first reading of Issue 120 of the Illinois Association of School Boards policy revisions was presented.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Brokaw to approve the 10-Year Health Life Safety reports, as presented. Scott Johnson discussed each building’s violations. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:08 p.m., a motion was made by Payne 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 and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:00 p.m., a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by White to return to open session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Montavon and seconded by White to approve the suspensions of students 11-18-25-1 through 11-18-25-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by White to approve Joanie Zimmerly as Fresh/Soph Academic Bowl Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Pratt announced the date of the next regular School Board meeting: Thursday, December 18, 2025 – Central School – 6:30 p.m.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Stenzel and seconded by Montavon to adjourn the meeting at 9:03 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Elsa Payne, Secretary

Katie Pratt, President

Approved: _____

- B. Delete Audio Recordings
- 3. Action: Financial Reports
 - A. Review of Financial Reports
 - B. Current Expenditures & Payroll
- 4. Discussion: Reports
 - A. Principal Reports



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Principal's Report
December 2025
Submitted by: Janet Crownhart**



Curriculum and School Improvement

- Student of the Month is Brittlyn Whitman.
- Congratulations to the Illinois State Scholars: Ellie McLaughlin and Kiera Karlson
- December 4th and 5th, Mrs. Whitman attended the IAPHERD Convention.
- BIO105 students are doing great for the first inaugural semester, and we appreciate the board/superintendent agreeing to spend the money to offer the class.

School Activities

- During homeroom this month, students watched videos on Digital Citizenship and took a couple of days to choose the classes they would like to be exempt from for final exams. They also worked through ACT prep on the Method Learning platform. Students had an opportunity to be exempt from 3 classes but must have a B or higher in the class and 3 or fewer tardies to that class to be exempt.
- Logan Ketchum, a junior FFA member, attended the BUILD conference at Illinois State University on November 24th and 25th. Logan was recognized for his leadership abilities at the conference, being named "best builder" in his breakout room. The conference is designed for junior and senior FFA members from across the state to develop their leadership abilities and to allow them to network with other FFA members from around the state.
- Auditions for the Spring musical were held on December 6th. The cast list has been posted. Mark your calendars for "Lion King, Jr" which will be held on March 20th, 21st, and 22nd.
- On December 3rd, Addison Bump, Jacie Blaine, and Kaitlyn Dempsey placed 15th at the Hog Capital Horse Judging Contest at Blackhawk East. They evaluated rings of mares and geldings, along with hunter under saddle, ranch riding, horsemanship,



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and hunt seat equitation classes.

- On December 7th, the AHS band and choir held their Winter Concert. All participants did a great job.
- The Academic Bowl team's match vs River Ridge in the Stateline Quizbowl tournament will be broadcast on Jan 25 at 9:30pm on Fox 39.
- Mrs. Carlson and the Leo's club held "Care without Cost" event on December 13th. The community really helped out by providing items for the free garage sale.

Looking Ahead

- Final exams will be held on December 17th, 18th, & 19th. NAMI on Campus is setting up a quiet zone during finals so students can destress. Thank you to Miss Abbie for taking on the task of supervising the quiet zone.
- 2nd semester starts on January 6th. Mr. Kolton has been busy meeting with students to ensure they are in the correct classes right away when they return from break.
- Course selections for the 26-27 school year will take place in January. Students are reminded that certain courses have weighted grades and they may want to think about that when registering for classes for next year.

Amboy Central Elementary School
Principal Report
Jessica Meusel
December 2025

School Activities:

- Our Central Family Movie Night was a HUGE success! Our gym was packed and the kids loved it! Families were able to enjoy cookies, popcorn, and hot cocoa. Special thanks to our Family Engagement Committee and staff volunteers for all of their hard work and effort. Special thanks to PTC for the cookies! We have an incredible team!
- Our Central School Christmas Concert was held on December 15 at the Amboy High School gymnasium. Special thanks to Amy Schwamberger for her time and talent. We appreciate all of our classroom teachers for supporting our students during the concert.
- Our Canned Food Drive to help out our Amboy Fire Department was held this month. The class that brought the most canned food items won a pizza party from Casey's.
- On December 18 students who met their individual reading goal are going to karaoke their favorite songs.
- On December 1 we had an all school assembly to recognize our rockstars of the week and update our reading progress. We have earned 7,451 points so far this year.
- Our Central School Winter Parties will be held on December 19 from 10:30-11:00 a.m. All parents are invited to attend.

School Improvement:

- Students completed winter benchmark assessments the week of December 8. Central School staff will have data meetings on December 18 to discuss student progress.

PBIS:

- December's Leader in Me skill is to put first things first. Mrs. Selover visited every classroom and taught a lesson.
- On December 18 our students enjoyed donuts and hot cocoa for their PBIS reward.



Put First Things First!

Work first, then play.

Do what you have to do first, then what you want to do.

Prioritize important things, set a schedule, and follow your plan!

Stay focused on what you need to get done and limit distractions.

[Habit 3 Video - Make Good Choices](#)



**Amboy Jr. High School
Principal's Report
December 18th, 2025
Submitted by: Andrew Full**

Curriculum and School Improvement:

- On November 13th grade level team meetings were held to discuss students, plan events, and choose student recognition.
- On November 17th a faculty meeting was held to discuss indicators 3 and 4 from the IQF.
- On November 18th the School Improvement Team met to discuss indicators 5 and 6 from the IQF and staff feedback.
- On December 1st a faculty meeting was held to discuss indicators 5 and 6 from the IQF and give feedback.

PBIS:

- On Friday, December 19th, we held our monthly PBIS celebration/assembly and the following awards were handed out:
 - Students of the Month-
 - 5th Grade- Wyatt Brokaw, Everly Bryant, and Natalee Hellquist
 - 6th Grade- Summer Nantz and Everett Walter
 - 7th Grade- Emersyn Miller and Julius Jones
 - 8th Grade- Mason Payne and Madison Phillips
 - P.E.- Azlynn Martinson and
 - Clipper P.R.I.D.E.- Everly Bryant, Bentley Harmon, Kendall Helms, Teddy Klein, Jazlynn Campiran, Eli Kaleel, Jackson Thorn, Taylyr McNinch, Gillian Schneider, Zaelen Wilson, Payton Angermeier, Mason Heath, Enrique Lara Alonso, Abel Mumm, Alexis White, and Natalee Hellquist.
 - Positive Office Referral-
 - Faculty/Staff Shout-Out Winners-
 - “Mint” to be here attendance awards were handed out.

- “I See You” Awards- Becky Walter, Melissa Freeland, and Kaya Stringer
- Boys Basketball Recognition
- Speech Team Recognition

School Activities:

- The 7th grade boys basketball team competed in the Ladd Veterans Day Tournament were consolation champions.
- On November 14th the Speech Team traveled to LaSalle St. Acutis to compete in the state speech competition. The group of Alexis White, Kylee Zelhoffer, Caidie Phelps, Leah Bonnell, and Amelia Nichols earned a first-place rating. Caidie Phelps also competed as a singular contestant and her act earned her a Judge’s Choice selection. (Please don’t share until publicly announced on December 19th at our assembly)
- The 7th grade boys basketball team competed in the Chadwick Tournament and took 1st place.
- The 8th grade boys basketball team competed in the Chadwick Tournament and finished in 2nd place.
- The 6th grade boys basketball team won the Rock River Valley Conference Tournament and were crowned conference champions.
- The 8th grade boys basketball team placed second in the Rock River Valley Conference Tournament.
- On Thursday, December 18th the jr. high had a fun filled day at Plum Hollow for their 2nd quarter celebration.
- Girls basketball open gyms have started with their season officially starting on January 6th.

B. Superintendent Reports

C. FOIA Requests

5. Action: Issue 120 of the Illinois Association of School Boards Policy Revisions
6. Action: Resolution abating the taxes heretofore levied for the year 2025 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.
7. Action: Resolution Authorizing a Public Hearing Date for Transfer of Funds
8. Action: Drug & Alcohol Testing Consortium
9. Action: Executive Session
10. Action: Return to Open Session
11. Action: Student Discipline
12. Action: Personnel - Resignation
13. Action: Personnel - Hiring
14. Upcoming Dates, Miscellaneous Items, Board Remarks and Adjournment