

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 15, 2016 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 Hochstatter. Also present were: Jeff Thake, Kelly & Peyton Payne, Andrew Dieterle, Rachel & Olivia Miller, Brandon Albrecht, Jennifer & Ellie McLaughlin, Megan Parker, Linda Klein, Erin Welker, Ashley Noble, Linda Nowacki, Cindy & Mike Phillips, Robin Arnold, Katie Pratt, Rachel Tarr, Amy & Kelton Schwamberger, Deb Cleary, Liz Scriven, Stacey Dinges, Jeff Blake, Crystal Huene, Cammie Henkel, Bonnie Morris, Anna Willis, Ed Morris, Mary Knowles, Ashley Kreiser, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full & Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2016-2017 School Budget. The tentative budget has been on display as required by law. Superintendent Thake shared that there is a deficit in the Education Fund of \$370,000, which is improved from \$800,000 last year. Thake explained that declining enrollment is main factor for decrease in General State Aid. He announced that the Operations & Maintenance Fund and the Transportation Fund have been healthy. He will correct three cells that are incorrect in the Educational Fund. Thake then showed a comparison of local, state and federal funding and what it costs to run each of school buildings. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience. Katie Pratt asked if the decrease in General State Aid is because of decrease in enrollment or does the state still owe money. Thake replied that it's a little of both. Pratt then asked where the local funding comes from and Thake replied that it's property taxes and businesses. 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 Olson to approve the 2016-2017 School Budget, with stipulation that the three cells be corrected, and to establish the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2016, and ending on June 30, 2017. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Brandon Albrecht, Amboy High School Student Council President, handed out his Presidential Report and shared information on Homecoming, new membership and the New Student Mixer. Eileen Piper thanked the Board for use of the building while Teen Turf was under construction. Several students from third grade to 7<sup>th</sup> grade presented the use of the chromebooks. Several parents shared support for Linda Nowacki as their Bus Driver.

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

- Minutes of the August 11, 2016 Finance Open & Closed Meetings;
- Minutes of the August 18, 2016 Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated March 26, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The administrative reports were discussed as presented.

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

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Johnson to approve the 2016-2017 Annual Applications for Recognition of Schools, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Setchell to approve and adopt the revised Heat Policy, as presented. Superintendent Thake discussed this policy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Johnson to approve the School Resource Officer job description, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:03 P.M., a motion was made by Becker and seconded by Fox 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; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:14 P.M., a motion was made by Johnson and seconded by Fox to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Becker to approve the suspensions of Students 9-15-16-1 through 9-15-16-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Setchell to approve the Resolution of Dismissal From Employment of Linda Nowacki as Bus Driver, effective September 15, 2016. Motion carried with five yea votes and one vote was abstained by Jones.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Olson to accept the resignation of Kim Hanson as Paraprofessional, effective August 30, 2016. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Setchell to accept the resignation of James Mahar as Bus Driver, effective March 22, 2017. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Fox to approve the employment of Nicole Sus as Playground Supervisor at Central School, effective September 12, 2016. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:18 P.M., a motion was made by Olson and seconded by Fox to move to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:36 P.M., a motion was made by Olson and seconded by Johnson to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance Meeting on Thursday, October 13, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the High School, Room 105. Regular School Board meeting on Tuesday, October 25, 2016, 7:00 p.m. at the High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 9:37 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tony Becker, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_