

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
THURSDAY, JANUARY 26, 2017 AT 7:00 P.M.  
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

President Jones called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 P.M. All board members were present except Olson. Also present were Jeff Thake, Stacey Dinges, Anna Willis, Elizabeth Scriven, Deb Cleary, Bonnie Morris, Jason Hickman, Elsa Payne, Katie Pratt, Jay Shaw, Beth Shaw, Joshua Nichols, Joyce Schamberger, Andrew Full and Jenny McCoy.

President Jones opened the floor for public comments. Students from Stacey Dinges's 6th grade class presented "The 20% Project" and shared their personal projects. An invite went out to all to attend Pitch Night on February 8, 2017, 6:00-7:00 p.m. at the Junior High School. Principal Nichols presented a second quarter report that included 4-Year ACT Data (2013-2016), Weekly Fail List, Discipline, STAR Math & Reading.

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

- Minutes of the December 15, 2016, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Delete closed session audio recordings dated July 16, 2015.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

In his Financial Report, Superintendent Thake that he's in the process of creating a survey to go out to the community asking whether or not to put money into the Junior High School versus building an addition to the High School. He continued to say that the cost is little over half a million to do an asbestos abatement and plumbing and pipes before air conditioning could be installed at the Junior High. To fix everything to meet Health Life Safety requirements at the Junior High, it would be close to 2.1 million.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Johnson 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 shared information from Governor Rauner's State of the Union Address. He also shared that he and Principal Schamberger showed an NIU coordinator for student teachers around the district and she was impressed in the transition from last year to this year with the technology and project-based learning.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Hochstatter to approve the Standing Order for the Administration of School Supplied Stock Epinephrine Auto-Injectors, as presented. Superintendent Thake explained that this is a procedure that needs to be followed according to the District Nurse. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Johnson to approve the Resolution for Maximum Allowable Reimbursement Amount (MARA), as presented. Superintendent Thake shared that the district attorney advised that this go to the Board even though we already budget these expenses. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:45 P.M., a motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter 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 including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:43 P.M., a motion was made by Hochstatter and seconded by Fox to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Johnson to approve the suspensions of students 1-26-17-1 through 1-26-17-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Fox and seconded by Johnson to approve the job description of Assistant Maintenance Director, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Hochstatter to accept the resignation of Jessica Vallette as Junior High School Girls Track Coach. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Fox to approve Danielle Benesh as Fresh-Soph Softball Coach for the 2016-2017 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance Meeting – Thursday, February 9, 2017 – Amboy High School, Room 105 – 7:00 p.m.; Regular School Board Meeting – Thursday, February 23, 2017 – Amboy High School – 7:00 p.m.; Board Retreat – Saturday, March 11, 2017 – KSB Community Room.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made by Fox and seconded by Hochstatter to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. Motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,

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Tony Becker, Secretary

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Nicole Jones, President

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