

**MINUTES OF THE RETREAT OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
SATURDAY, MARCH 9, 2019 AT 8:30 A.M.
AMBOY KSB MEDICAL CENTER COMMUNITY ROOM**

President Jones called the Retreat of the Board of Education to order at 8:30 a.m. All board members were present. Also present were: Joshua Nichols, Ken Willey, Rory White, Amie Wiseman, Andrew Full, George Schwamberger, Katie Bulfer, Janet Crownhart, Joyce Schamberger, Elizabeth Hennessey & Alan Quest.

George Schwamberger, High School Athletic Director, shared projected participant numbers for the 2019-2020 school year. He reviewed the coming change from our conference matching schools of similar size to a geographic based conference. This will give us more flexibility in scheduling, less travel and will play every school in the conference twice. Based on projected numbers the board will need to look at the feasibility of renewing some cooperative agreements.

George asked the board for input on allowing students into the high school athletic events with their student ID instead of charging a fee. The board agreed this would be beneficial.

Andrew Full, Junior High Athletic Director, also reported on the future of junior high athletics and again mentioned allowing fifth grade students an opportunity to participate. He projects a total cost of \$12,000 to cover transportation, uniforms, coaches, officials, etc. to accommodate the addition. The board will consider this at a future meeting.

Elizabeth Hennessey from Raymond James presented and discussed financial projections.

Maintenance Director, Ken Willey, presented a summarized list of required and recommended items needing maintenance at all three facilities.

Transportation Director, Al Quest, shared information on the bus fleet. He recommends replacing the two school vans and renewing the leases for buses 4, 5, and 6.

For the Technology Report, Amie Wiseman discussed several items:

- Teacher/Student Technology Expectations for next year.
- Tech Help Class accomplishments.
- Devices coming off the lease and choosing new devices for the school.

Janet Crownhart, Joyce Schamberger and Andrew Full showed a powerpoint presentation that contained a plethora amount of information such as goals, schedules, percentages and numbers of students in advanced placement classes, dual enrollment, Whiteside Area Career Center, extra-curricular activities, school/parent communication, and professional development. They focused on the new RtI program at Central School and the upcoming changes at the Junior High School with an emphasis coming back to the basics of education.

Joshua Nichols shared his state of the district presentation. The board spent time discussing the plans for the new Junior High and High School gym/addition. The group also discussed the future educational plan for the schools including introducing new curriculum, improved schedules and opportunities.

At 2:09 p.m., a motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Elsa to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; and setting of a price for sale or lease of property owned by the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Returned to Open Session at 3:18 p.m.

Janet Crownhart, Joyce Schamberger and Andrew Full did not return to the meeting.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Hummel to grant tenure contracts to fourth-year probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Hummel to grant contract renewals to tenured teachers, as presented. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Pratt.

A motion was made by Leffelman and seconded by Stenzel to grant contract renewals to non-tenured probationary teachers, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Schnaiter to approve non-certified support staff contract renewals, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Payne and seconded by Hummel to approve the employment of summer help, as presented in the maintenance report. Motion carried with six yea votes. One vote was abstained by Leffelman.

A motion was made by Schnaiter and seconded by Stenzel to adjourn the meeting at 3:24 p.m. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Katie Pratt, Secretary

Nicole Jones, President

Approved: _____