

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA**

President Becker called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 P.M. All board members were present. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Bonnie Morris, Chase Castle, Brandi Conley, Nate Smith, Amy Smith, Randy Highbarger, Becky Highbarger, Jackie Steinbach, Anna Willis, Brian Herzog, Curt Sprague, Joan Sprague, Tony Becker, Carol Schnaiter, Jessica McCormick, Joyce Schamberger, Jeff Thake and Judi Callison.

There were no comments or questions for the Board.

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

- Minutes of the January 22, 2009, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of digital recording dated August 21, 2007.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd reviewed the financial report. He discussed the possibility of receiving money that might be released in federal programs. He pointed out there are no guarantees but such funding would give a badly needed boost to Title I and special education. Shepherd said he submitted a construction ready grant should money become available for that purpose.

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

The next order of business was Administrative Reports, which were reviewed as presented in the Board packet.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to approve a request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Patrick Gerlach to conduct a fundraising Professional Wrestling event (date to be determined) at Amboy High School, with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (custodial fee of \$148.50) and waiver of proof of insurance. After some discussion, the motion did not carry and the waiver for use of facilities was denied due to lack of information and fundraising accountability.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Akre to approve a request for Community Use of Facilities for Andrew Full to conduct a Men's Adult Basketball League at Amboy Junior High School, with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (past practice of \$60.00 per evening) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Flessner to authorize the Administration to seek bids for bleachers at Amboy High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre to approve the low bid of Z-Best Enterprises of Amboy, IL for district mowing services, as presented, for a term of one (1) year, with the option of renewal up to three years. The question arose regarding the three-year renewal option. The renewal would be on a yearly basis for the term of three years. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead to approve quote provided by Clifton Gunderson, LLP of Clinton, IA for provision of auditing services for a term of three (3) years, 2008-2009; 2009-2010 and 2010-11, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Akre to approve the 2009-2010 School Calendar as presented, and further, to tentatively approve the following graduation dates and times for 2010:

Amboy Junior High School
Friday, May 28, 2010
7:00 P.M. in the AJHS auditorium

Amboy High School
Saturday, May 29, 2010
2:00 P.M. in the AHS gymnasium

Discussion ensued on the Veterans' Day holiday. Superintendent Shepherd explained that the district promoted activities during the day that would honor veterans. Mead said he heard a positive comment on the program that was held at Amboy Junior High School and that students were probably better served being in school. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve Amboy Community Unit School District #272 Board of Education Resolution opposing withdrawal of Byron Community Unit School District #226 from the Ogle County Education Cooperative, as presented. Board member, Mead said he thought it would be prudent for the Byron school district to "really look at this for a couple of years." The Dixon School District joined Lee County Special Education two years ago and is now looking to join another coop following last year's departure of three member district, including Amboy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:28 P.M., a motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre 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; the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body is being considered, including discussions of whether a particular parcel of property should be acquired; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:50 P.M., a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the suspensions of Students 2-26-09-1 through 2-26-09-42, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to accept the resignation of Jennifer McCoy as Building Secretary at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Flessner to approve the employment of Jane Lovgren as Playground Supervisor at Central School, effective February 6, 2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Setchell to approve the employment of Misty VanDyke as Cafeteria Cook, part-time at Amboy Junior High School, effective January 20, 2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Olson to approve employment of Jennifer McCoy as Administrative Assistant. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include:

- 3/12/09 Finance meeting at 7:00 p.m. at AHS
- 3/26/09 School Board meeting at 7:00 p.m. at AHS
- 4/16/09 Finance meeting at 7:00 p.m. at AHS
- 4/30/09 Organizational & Regular School Board meeting at 6:30 p.m. at AJHS.
Please note this is a change in date and time. (The County Clerk will canvass the votes this year. The Abstract of Votes may not be issued until as late as April 28th.)

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:58 P.M. by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Tom Mead, Secretary

Mark F. Becker, President

Approved: _____