

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2009 AT 6:30 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA**

Prior to the meeting, the Board conducted a walk-through of the junior high school building.

President Becker called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 6:30 P.M. All board members were present. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, George Reigle, Jerry Guy, Anna Willis, Bonnie Morris, Randy Highbarger, Becky Highbarger, Carol Schnaiter, Jackie Steinbach, Richard Lohse, Jenny McCoy and Judi Callison.

President Becker opened the Public Hearing regarding the Application for Modification of Section 24-2 of the School Code as it relates to school holidays, specifically Veterans Day. Superintendent Shepherd explained that this is a standard application, which allows for the students to stay in school on Veterans Day and engage in meaningful activities that honor veterans. The day will be made up on the day before Thanksgiving. The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience and Board of Education. There were none. President Becker declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to approve submission of the Application for Modification of Section 24-2 of the School Code as it relates to school holidays, specifically Veterans Day. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments or questions from the audience. There were none.

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

- Minutes of the March 26, 2009, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- To keep all Executive Minutes from July 24, 2008 through March 26, 2009, closed to the public;
- IESA (\$360.00) & IHSA (no cost) Membership renewals; and
- Destruction of digital recording dated October 24, 2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Based on election results provided by the Lee County Election Authority, the total number of votes received by each candidate for the office of School Board Member in the April 7, 2009, election is as follows:

May	Robert Olson	952
Sublette	Dan Stephenitch	935
Lee Center	Lori Setchell	964
Amboy	Tony Becker	778
Harmon	Walter Parsons	346

Superintendent Shepherd administered the Oath of Office to the newly elected members.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to adjourn *sine die*. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Reorganization of the Board was the next agenda item to be addressed. Tom Mead was appointed to serve as *pro tempore* officer to conduct the school board election for the nomination of president.

The floor was opened to nominations for the office of president. Joe Flessner nominated Lori Setchell. There being no further nominations, Tom Mead declared Lori Setchell elected to the office of school board president by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes.

At this point in the meeting, Mark Becker acknowledged Tom Mead and presented him with a plaque in appreciation of his 20 years of service on the Board of Education. Superintendent Shepherd then honored Mark Becker with a presidential plaque for serving as president for the last ten years. Shepherd said, "You've taught me, and this school district, the power of a paradigm to build an institution and, in that, I think you've raised our capacity for greatness."

President Setchell opened the floor to nominations for the office of vice-president. Dan Stephenitch nominated Reed Akre. There being no further nominations, President Setchell declared Reed Akre elected to the office of vice-president by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes.

Nominations were then taken for the office of secretary. Mark Becker nominated Bob Olson. There being no further nominations, President Setchell declared Bob Olson elected to the office of secretary by acclamation and to be duly recorded in the minutes. All of the above terms of office will serve until April of 2011.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the regular Board of Education meeting dates and times as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd reviewed the finance report and discussed Title I and Stimulus Recovery monies. He announced that the anticipated allocation for Title I is \$71,900 and approximately \$52,800 is expected from Federal Stimulus.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Olson 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. Superintendent Shepherd recognized Mary Jo Zinke for applying for LSTA Reading and Development Grant. Carol Schnaiter was acknowledged as the 2008-2009 recipient of the ExxonMobil Outstanding Teacher of Science Award.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the Illinois Association of School Board policy revisions as presented in March. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Olson to approve the Amboy Junior High School and Amboy High School handbook revisions as presented in March. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Tony Becker to accept the bid of Midwest Transit Equipment, Inc. of Kankakee, IL for provision of one (1) 2010, 65-passenger school bus and one (1) 2010, 42-passenger school bus for a net bid of \$115,643.00, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Stephenitch to approve Municipal Lease Purchase Program with Sovereign Bank for financing of (1) 2010 Model 65-Passenger and (1) 2010 Model 42-Passenger School Bus, for a term beginning July 15, 2009, and ending on July 15, 2011, payable in installments of \$49,777.00 yearly. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Akre to approve Municipal Lease Program with Sovereign Bank for financing of (1) 2008 Chevy Collins 14-Passenger School Bus, for a term of one year, in the amount of \$7,578.00, according to the terms of the contract. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Tony Becker to approve the low bid of Larson and Larson Builders, Inc. of Loves Park, IL for bathroom renovation work at Central School and Amboy Junior High School for the low bid of \$80,900, as presented. George Reigle and Jerry Guy from GreenAssociates were present to answer questions from the Board as to why their estimate for the project was almost double. Although having a low bid is a good thing, according to Shepherd, "we want to make sure that we spend the funds for Health/Life Safety Bonds on ROE approved projects."

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to accept the high bid of Brachle's Truck R & R of Amboy, IL for purchase of a 1998 Chevy Van in the amount of \$477.75. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:45 P.M., a motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Olson 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; 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; sale or purchase of securities, investments or investment contracts; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:25 P.M., a motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Olson to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker to approve the suspensions of Students 4-30-09-1 through 4-30-09-28, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Olson to uphold and approve termination of employment of Misty VanDyke, effective April 3, 2009, under Article X, Section 10.6, of the Collective Bargaining Agreement between Amboy CUSD #272 and Teamsters Local Union #722.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to approve modification to the current performance contract with Johnson Controls, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:30 P.M. by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Bob Olson, Secretary

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Lori Setchell, President

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