

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 24, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL SCHOOL CAFETERIA**

President Setchell 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, Anna Willis, Bonnie Morris, Michele James, Soma Roy, Jackie Steinbach, Carol Schnaiter, Becky Highbarger, Brandi Conley, Donna Celaya and Jenny McCoy

President Setchell opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2009-2010 School Budget. The tentative budget has been on display as required by law. "A budget is essentially a prediction. These are rather uncertain economic times and so this budget is the best guess at this time considering the information we have at our disposal," said Superintendent Shepherd. He talked about how Revenues are still a question about state monies coming in and how we rely heavily on transportation reimbursement and General State Aid. Shepherd then talked about Expenditures. "As more unknowns have become clear, we think we did a pretty good job predicting our expenses for the year. This is pending anything unforeseen, of course," he said. "With the state in such financial turmoil, there's a good bet that we'll need to submit an amended budget this Spring in order to account for lost state revenue money, but we'll see if that's needed as we get closer to the end of the fiscal year."

The floor was opened to comments and/or questions from the audience and Board of Education. There were none. President Setchell declared the Public Hearing closed.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the 2009-2010 School Budget, as presented, and to establish the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2009, and ending on June 30, 2010. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Michele James and Soma Ray of the CTS (Control Technology & Solutions) Group shared information and had a presentation on the many repairs and upgrades needed at the three buildings.

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

- Minutes of the August 13, 2009 Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of audiotapes dated February 27, 2008 and March 13, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd shared information on Financial Reports. Revenues are down about 10 percent from normal at this time of year. Concerned about General State Aid, he announced that delayed payments would not be a problem but if it comes to pro-rated payments then that will be an issue but we don't want to go out and say the sky is falling. On the Expenditures side, we are right on track.

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

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mark Becker to approve the revision to student fee schedule, as presented. 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 Akre and seconded by Flessner to approve the 2009-2010 Annual Applications of Recognition, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd shared information on the Special Education Workload/Caseload Analysis report as presented in the Board packet.

At 8:08 P.M., a motion was made by Mark Becker 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; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:40 P.M., a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the suspensions of Students 9-24-09-1 through 9-24-09-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Tony Becker to approve the employment contract of Jean Travi at Amboy High School for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to approve the employment contract of Dennis Weidman at Central School for the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Tony Becker to approve Doris Levan as Attendance Clerk/Library Aide at the Amboy High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to approve Becky Walter as Data Coordinator at the Amboy Junior High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve Amy Frey as Playground Supervisor at Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the re-employment of Support Staff personnel, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Tony Becker to approve the Extra-Curricular schedule, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, October 22, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:45 P.M. by Akre and seconded by Flessner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Bob Olson, Secretary

Lori Setchell, President

Approved: _____