

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, JULY 27, 2006, AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL, CAFETERIA**

President Becker called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:05 P.M. All board members were present. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Jeff Thake, Joyce Schamberger, Jessie Johnson and Judi Callison.

There were no comments from the audience.

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

- Minutes of the June 22, 2006, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Use of Facilities and waiver of fees by Thomas Gospodarczyk of Sauk Valley Community College to conduct GED classes at Amboy Junior High School on Tuesday and Thursday evenings from August 21, 2006 through December 18, 2006, with the possibility of second semester classes also being offered from January to May; and
- Destruction of audiotapes dated January 27, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd reviewed the June financial report. After highlighting several of the fund balances, Shepherd pointed out that the district was within 0.7 of a percent of being on budget for the past fiscal year, which, according to Shepherd, “was a good way to finish.”

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

Shepherd continued with a review of the Tentative Budget for 2006-2007. Natural gas costs continue to be an ongoing problem. As the heating season approaches, thermostats will be lowered in all buildings to conserve energy. Several other variables were discussed including salaries and insurance. Shepherd anticipates a balanced budget when all unknowns become clear. “It is my goal to operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness, and always try to avoid going out for a referendum or making major cuts in personnel or programs,” said Shepherd.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Beggs to authorize the Administration to place on file, the Tentative Budget for the 2006-2007 school year, and further to set the 2006-2007 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, August 22, 2006 at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Principal Thake presented the Administrative Report, which summarized curriculum and building activities that had been taking place during the summer.

Superintendent Shepherd briefly explained the premise of the next two motions stating that modification of the school code relating to school holidays and physical education is past procedure. The district is required to hold a public hearing and review the modifications every five years.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Mead to authorize the administration to set a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School cafeteria to review the application for Modification of Section 24-2 of the School Code as it relates to school holidays, specifically February 12, the birth date of President Abraham Lincoln. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Flessner to authorize the administration to set a Public Hearing date for Tuesday, August 22, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School cafeteria to review the application for Modification of Section 27-6 of the School Code as it relates to Physical Education. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Stephenitch to extend the 2005-2006 bid of Interstate Brand Companies of Davenport, IA, for provision of bakery products for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Setchell to extend the 2005-2006 bid of Swiss Valley Farms of Davenport, IA, for provision of milk products for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:35 P.M., a motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to move to Executive Session to discuss the appointment, employment, performance, or dismissal of specific employees of the public body; collective negotiating matters between the public body and its employees or their representatives or deliberations concerning salary schedules for one or more classes of employees; and the purchase or lease of real property for the use of the public body. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Setchell to accept the resignation of Betty Rex as Lunchroom Supervisor at Amboy Junior High School, effective for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Setchell to accept the resignation of James Underwood as Head Custodian at Amboy Junior High School, effective August 18, 2006. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Mead to accept the Retirement Resignation of Deb Gilmore according to the Special Retirement Incentive Option Plan of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to accept the Retirement Resignation of Brooke Weidman according to the Special Retirement Incentive Option Plan of

the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the end of the 2009-2010 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to accept the resignation of Robin Smith as Business Teacher and Yearbook Advisor at Amboy High School, effective at the end of the 2005-2006 contract. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to approve the employment contract of Andrew Full as Physical Education teacher at Amboy Junior High School at Lane B, Step 2, for a base salary of \$26,858, for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Mead to approve the employment contract of Robin Lyons as Special Education teacher at Amboy High School at Lane B, Step 1, for a base salary of \$26,292, for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to approve the employment contract of Kelly Foster as Reading/Language Arts teacher at Amboy Junior High School at Lane B, Step 1, for a base salary of \$26,292, for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Mead to approve the employment contract of Jeannie Yeske as Business/Computer teacher at Amboy High School at Lane B+16, Step 4, for a base salary of \$29,206, for the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to approve the Extra-Curricular Schedule as presented for 2006-2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance Committee meeting on Thursday, August 10, 2006, at 7:00 P.M. in the high school faculty room and Public Hearing(s) and Regular School Board meeting on TUESDAY, August 22, 2006, in the AHS cafeteria at 7:00 P.M.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:49 P.M. by Setchell and seconded by Flessner to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Mead, Secretary

Mark F. Becker, President

Approved: _____