

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, APRIL 19, 2007, AT 7:00 P.M.
CENTRAL 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, Gail Dunn, Ed Dunn, Carolyn Nelson, Jackie Steinbach, Richard Lohse, Reed Akre, Malinda Osborne, Lee Gaul, Tony Becker, Deb Gilmore, Dennis Weidman, Joyce Schamberger, Jeff Thake and Judi Callison.

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

The next agenda item was a technology presentation in Mrs. Grady's classroom. Mrs. Grady, along with the help of students, paraprofessionals and parents, demonstrated the use of Smart Boards as a teaching and learning tool to enhance the classroom environment.

The meeting returned to the cafeteria where Rich Hubbard, Technology Director, reviewed the progress of technology since 2000, and highlighted the past, present and future trends of technology in District. On behalf of the Board, President Becker thanked Mr. Hubbard for the strides that have been made in technology.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Flessner to approve the following consent agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the March 22, 2007, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Use of facilities by Dina Owens to conduct Bidy Ball practices and games at Central School from April 11, 2007 through May 19, 2007, 3 nights per week and Saturdays for a fee of \$438.16;
- Use of facilities and waiver of fees by Dennis Weidman to conduct a playground fund raising auction at Amboy High School on Saturday, May 19, 2007, with set up on Friday, May 18, 2007;
- Use of facilities and waiver of fees by Jessica McCormick to conduct ROE Mentor Training at Central School on August 7 and August 8, 2007;
- Destruction of audio tapes dated October 13, 2005 & October 27, 2005.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd said the updated utility reports were included in the financial packet. The new report format more accurately analyzes therms and kilowatts as a measurement of usage instead of a dollar amount.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead 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.

Gail Dunn presented the annual report on the Illinois Standards for School Library Media Centers. In the report, Mrs. Dunn stressed the importance of rigor, relevance and accountability and the benefits of the Block 8 schedule. She thanked the Amboy Education Association, faculty and staff for their contributions to a very successful library program.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Flessner to approve the 2007-2008 School Calendar as presented and further to tentatively approve the following graduation dates and times for 2008:

Amboy Junior High School
Friday, May 30, 2008
7:00 P.M. in the AJHS auditorium

Amboy High School
Saturday, May 31, 2008
2:00 P.M. in the AHS gymnasium.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to accept the low bid of Interstate Brands Corporation of Davenport, IA for provision of bakery products for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to accept the low bid of Swiss Valley Farms of Davenport, IA for the provision of milk products for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Olson to approve submission of the IHSA (at no cost) and IESA (\$360.00) Membership Renewal Applications for 2007-2008. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion to accept the bid of Source 1 Building Maintenance Services, LLC of Naperville, IL to provide custodial services for the school district, failed for lack of a first. President Becker said that the bid would be rejected. He thanked the custodial staff for their collaborative efforts to implement strategies to perform their jobs in the most efficient manner.

At 8:15 p.m. a motion was made by Olson and seconded by Mead to move to Executive Session to discuss (1) appointment, employment, compensation, discipline, performance or dismissal of specific employees of the public body and (2) student disciplinary cases. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 9:05 p.m., a motion was made by Beggs and seconded by Flessner 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 4-19-07-01 through 4-19-07-24, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Stephenitch to accept the resignation of Michael Carlson as 6th Grade Math/Language Arts teacher and Computer Club Sponsor at

Amboy Junior High School, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch to accept the resignation of Ray Johnson as part-time Dean of Students at Amboy High School, effective at the end of the 2006-2007 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: School Board Organizational Meeting on Tuesday, May 1, 2007 at 7:00 p.m. in the Amboy High School cafeteria; Finance meeting on Thursday, May 10, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the AHS faculty room; and next Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, May 24, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the Amboy High School cafeteria.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 9:15 p.m. by Flessner and seconded by Olson to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Thomas E. Mead, Secretary

Mark F. Becker, President

Approved: _____