

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
THURSDAY, JULY 26, 2007, 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 except Flessner and Olson. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, John Klausen, Rob Brown, Brent Schmall, Ed Morris, Jerry Guy, Carol Schnaiter, Mark Streit, Richard Lohse, Charles Burnidge, Brian Kerner, Jeff Thake, Joyce Schamberger and Judi Callison.

The floor was opened to comments from the audience. Jerry Guy introduced himself as a representative of Green and Associates Architectural Firm. President Becker thanked the maintenance director candidates and architect firm representatives for their attendance at the meeting. An official decision on both will be made at the next school board meeting.

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

- Minutes of the June 28, 2007, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of audiotapes dated January 12, 2006, January 18, 2006, January 26, 2006 and January 28, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Superintendent Shepherd briefly explained the 2007-2008 tentative budget information. He said he is cautiously optimistic there will be a balanced budget when all the unknowns become clear. A deficit reduction plan is not required at this point, according to Shepherd. He said, "The Board is trying to prolong going out for a referendum and will continue to operate with fiscal integrity, efficiency and effectiveness."

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

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Mead to authorize the Administration to place on file, the Tentative Budget for the 2007-2008 school year, and further to set the 2007-2008 Budget Hearing for Tuesday, August 21, 2007 at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School cafeteria. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Rob Brown, Senior Performance Assurance Engineer from Johnson Controls, presented the Performance Contracting Summary. He said the district has saved \$732,286 through year seven and has exceeded the guaranteed cost avoidance savings by \$83,060. A total of seven projects district wide were in the scope of work of the original Performance Contract. Brown went on to recommend that the district consider cancellation of the contract with the IEC for both natural gas and electric.

Mark Streit presented the Annual Report to the Board of Education, along with a review of FFA accomplishments. FFA membership stood at 158 for 2006-2007. The Chapter was 14<sup>th</sup> in Illinois and among the top 10% of all chapters in the nation. Noting that he will retire at the end

of next year, Streit asked the Board to consider hiring a second, full time Agriculture instructor and assistant FFA Advisor. Streit also submitted the yearly field trip approval list, which will be considered at the next meeting. President Becker thanked Mr. Streit for the fantastic job he does to make the program so highly successful and nationally recognized.

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

Superintendent Shepherd highlighted portions of his report, stating the results of the Compliance Visit Report had been received from the Regional Office of Education, and the district has achieved the status of Full Operational Compliance. He updated the Board of Education on the recent district office retreat. He said it was a wonderful experience, which allowed the group to think proactively and established personal and professional goals.

The next agenda item was the first reading of the Mentoring and Induction Program. Superintendent Shepherd gave a synopsis of the information. He thanked Jessica McCormick for the time and effort she has extended to develop the program. He said the State approved program will expedite the process for new teachers to achieve their standard certificate. "Another key to the success of the program has been that the district has brought back some of the superstar veteran teachers and connected them with younger teachers who seem to thrive in that environment," said Shepherd. "This will help us get to that level of excellence that we expect in the classroom." The Mentoring and Induction Program will be voted on at the next meeting.

At 7:50 p.m., a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Setchell 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 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. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:35 p.m., a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Stephenitch to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre to accept the resignation of Kevin Schultz, Maintenance Director, effective July 20, 2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the employment of Rebecca Fredericks as Building Secretary at Amboy High School, effective August 16, 2007, at a rate of \$7.95 per hour, 7 hours per day, 205 days per year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the employment contract of Emily Shiaras as 7<sup>th</sup> & 8<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts and Reading Teacher at Amboy Junior High School at Lane 1, Step B, for a base salary of \$26,949, for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include the Finance Meeting on Thursday, August 9, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. and Public Hearing and Regular School Board Meeting on Tuesday, August 21, 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 8:48 p.m. by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

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Thomas E. Mead, Secretary

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Mark F. Becker, President

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