

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
TUESDAY, AUGUST 21, 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. Also present were: Morgan Spangler, Rebecca Vaessen, Nathan Draper, Andy Bulfer, Anna Willis, Will Klein, Kelsey Miller, Laura Child, Ed Morris, Mallory Whelchel, Jessica Walter, Emily Schrock, Jessica McCormick, Jeff Thake, Joyce Schamberger and Judi Callison.

President Becker opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2007-2008 School Budget. The tentative budget has been on display as required by law. In his absence, Superintendent Shepherd presented, via proxy, a digital video explanation of the tentative budget. He recapitulated his comments from the July meeting, stating a budget is a best guess or estimate.

On the revenue side, he anticipates an increase in general state aid, pending State budget approval. On the expenditure side, there are three big issues: insurance rates, special education costs and negotiations. "Overall, the news isn't great as the district begins to depend on the some of the transferred working cash interest to balance parts of the budget. We are not to the point of a deficit reduction plan. It is still hopeful that when all unknowns become clear, we will have a balanced budget at the end of the fiscal year, always trying to prolong going out for a referendum," said Shepherd.

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.

In summary, President Becker said the projection is that of a very tight, but balanced budget. The district is still waiting on the budget package from the Governor Blagojevich.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the 2007-2008 School Budget, as presented, and to establish the fiscal year beginning on July 1, 2007, and ending on June 30, 2008. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Representatives from Student Council, FFA and the Key Club were present. They introduced themselves to the Board and gave highlights of their upcoming activities.

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

- Minutes of the July 26, 2007, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- To keep all Executive Session Minutes from January 25, 2007 through June 26, 2007, closed to the public; and
- Destruction of audiotapes dated February 9, 2006 and February 26, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Also via digital video proxy, Superintendent Shepherd gave a brief review of the financial report. He said the big issue is if the Governor will sign the State budget.

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

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

Attendance figures for the new year were presented as follows: Central School, 289; Amboy Junior High School, 287; Amboy High School at 362, for a total of 938 students. This represents a 6.76 % drop since the beginning of school last year.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead to approve a request by Mark Streit for FFA field trips and/or participation in State and National development events and

activities, in excess of 120 miles, with a limitation of one non-competitive event involving 25 or more students. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:15 p.m., a motion was made by Mead 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 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 8:46 p.m., a motion was made by Akre and seconded by Stephenitch 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 Laura Hubbell as Assistant Head Cook at Amboy Junior High School, effective August 15, 2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Mead to accept the resignation of Sherry Wittenauer as Part-Time Cook at Amboy Junior High School, effective August 21, 2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Flessner to accept the resignation of Carol Schnaiter as Girls' Assistant Track Coach at Amboy High School, effective immediately. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Flessner to approve the 250-day employment contract of Albert Groll as Maintenance Director for Amboy Community Unit School District #272, for a term of two years. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Setchell to approve the employment contract of Clayton Bonnell as 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Language Arts Teacher at Amboy Junior High School at Lane B, Step 1, for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to approve the employment contract of Ray Johnson at Amboy High School for the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch to approve the appointment of Green/Associates, Inc. of Deerfield, Illinois for the provision of architectural services for Amboy Community Unit School District #272. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead to approve the re-employment of support staff personnel, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion to approve the Extra-Curricular Schedule was tabled until the next meeting.

Upcoming dates include the Finance Meeting on Thursday, September 13, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. in the high school faculty room and the next Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, September 27, 2007, at 7:00 p.m. at Central School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:52 p.m. by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead 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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