

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2008, 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. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Bonnie Morris, Sam Smith, Deb Gilmore, Jessica McCormick, Joyce Schamberger and Judi Callison.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Paul Smith addressed the Board with a facility use request to hold a professional wrestling fundraising event at Amboy High School on April 12, 2008, which will include a match featuring "Hurricane" Paul Smith vs. Mike Behrends, a professional wrestler from Bureau Valley. Proceeds will benefit the Amboy Athletic Booster Organization, as well as other several other organizations.

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

- Minutes of the January 23, 2008, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Destruction of audiotapes dated August 22, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Discussion ensued on the use of school facilities for community and non-school sponsored programs. According to current school board policy 8:20/8:20E, groups must provide proof of insurance verifying that they maintain adequate insurance coverage against personal injury and/or property loss. The issue of insurance is two-fold according to a recent memo from the district's insurance carrier. It not only protects the district, but also the individual or group who would be using the school facility. One of the difficult aspects is determining what is school related and what isn't, according to Superintendent Shepherd. Board member, Stephenitch said he believes the Board should try to accommodate requests for use of facilities as much as possible when the students are involved. It was decided to form a committee to study the entire topic of facility use including facility fees, custodial fees and insurance requirements. The committee will consist of school board members, Bob Olson, Reed Akre, and community member, Paul Smith. The Board continued by taking under consideration the following requests that were brought forth for the meeting.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Mike McCracken and Jeff Christofferson to conduct Amboy Little Clipper girls' basketball practice and intramural games at Amboy Junior High School with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (no custodial fee) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Olson to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Mark Becker to conduct a fundraising Alumni Basketball game on Saturday, April 26, 2008, at Amboy High School with the following

provisions: waiver of facility use fees (custodial fee of \$132.00) and waiver of proof of insurance Motion carried on a vote of five to zero with Becker abstaining.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Akre to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Paul Smith to conduct a fundraising Professional Wrestling event on Saturday, April 12, 2008, at Amboy High School with the following provisions: waiver of facility Use fees (custodial fee of \$148.50) and waiver of proof of insurance Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Setchell to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Sam Jones to conduct Little Kids' Wrestling practices at Amboy Junior High School on Tuesday evenings from March 1 through March 24, 2008, with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (no custodial fee) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees by Sam Jones to conduct Little Kids' Wrestling Tournament on Saturday, March 22, 2008, at Amboy High School with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (custodial fee of \$231.00) and waiver of proof of Insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Stephenitch to approve request for Community Use of Facilities by Janet Nehring to conduct a volleyball camp from July 21-25, 2008, at Amboy High School with the following provisions: (flat fee of \$100.00) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre approve request for Community Use of Facilities for Andrew Full to conduct Men's Adult Basketball League at Amboy Junior High School with the following provisions: (\$60.00 per evening for use of facilities) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve request for Community Use of Facilities and waiver of facility use fees for Joanie Zimmerly to conduct Bidy Ball practice and games at Central School with the following provisions: waiver of facility use fees (no custodial fee) and waiver of proof of insurance. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Akre asked if there was a way to streamline the facility use approval process. Superintendent Shepherd said that since the policy was clear on the requirement for insurance, he would need directive from the Board to change the policy. He anticipates the committee will make a determination to follow the policy, with modification, or change the policy.

In his finance report, Superintendent Shepherd said there were no real surprises with regard to revenue and expenses. He pointed out that therm usage is up due to the cold month. The heat in the buildings will be turned down and scaled back as spring approaches. Superintendent Shepherd intends to discuss the contract with the Illinois Energy Consortium in an effort to purchase therms in a more cost efficient manner. Shepherd said the filters in all three

buildings have been cleaned, which should keep the heaters from running so often and help reduce costs.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Setchell 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.

In his report, Superintendent Shepherd told the Board, that on the recommendation of Technology Director Rich Hubbard, a decision must be made before July 31, 2008, on replacement of the current MacSchool Program, to an newer, updated version. According to Hubbard, Pearson Power School will better support the Student Information System, as well as allow for more flexibility of use.

After some discussion, a motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre to approve the following meeting dates for March and April: regular school board meeting on Thursday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, with no finance meeting for the month and finance meeting on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, with regular school board meeting on Thursday, April 24<sup>th</sup>. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead to approve Resolution regarding district withdrawal of membership from Lee County Special Education Association. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Discussion regarding the Resolution Agreement of a student special education matter was postponed until after Executive Session.

At 8:00 p.m., a motion was made by Akre and seconded by Stephenitch 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; 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 student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:50 p.m., a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mead to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Stephenitch to approve Resolution Agreement of student special education matter. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Setchell to approve the suspensions of Students 2-27-08-01 through 2-27-08-25, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Mead to accept the resignation of Theresa McGraw as bus driver. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Akre to accept the resignation of Kim Hanson as Paraprofessional at Amboy Junior High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Olson to approve the employment of Ramona Reyes as Paraprofessional at Amboy Junior High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Next Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, March 13, 2008, at AHS; Finance meeting on Wednesday, April 9, 2008; and Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, April 24, 2008, at Amboy Junior High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:03 p.m. by Olson and seconded by Setchell 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 Becker, President

Approved: \_\_\_\_\_