

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272  
THURSDAY, APRIL 24, 2008, AT 7:00 P.M.  
AMBOY JUNIOR 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: Quintin Shepherd, Bonnie Morris, Gail Dunn, Kevin Chandler, Carol Schnaiter, Anna Willis, Kelly Foster, Ed Morris, Richard Lohse, Jackie Steinbach, Chase Castle, Eric Riva, Jeffrey Mischler, Karen Berthold, Jessica McCormick, Joyce Schamberger, Jeff Thake and Judi Callison.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Mr. Thake introduced the new Amboy High School staff members who were present in the audience: Eric Riva, Assistant Principal and Athletic Director; Karen Berthold, English and Speech teacher and Jeffrey Mischler, Social Studies teacher.

Mike Noble, Director of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative, was present and welcomed the Amboy school district to the Cooperative. He provided a pamphlet of information on the services that will be available. President Becker thanked Mr. Noble for attending and said the Board of Education feels the district will be well served.

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

- Minutes of the March 13, 2008, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings;
- Minutes of the April 9, 2008, Special Open Board Meeting;
- 2008-2009 school board meeting dates; and
- Destruction of audiotapes dated October 11, 2006 and October 26, 2006.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

In his finance report, Superintendent Shepherd said he had reviewed the revenue lines and continues to have a concern regarding the receipt of state monies. According to the FRIS report, the money was set to be released in March but is still waiting to be dispersed by the comptroller. "That makes budgeting very difficult, when we don't know what's going to happen," he said.

Shepherd went on to apprise the Board of a recent certificate the school district received from the Illinois State Board of Education placing the district in the "financial recognition" range for 2008. He noted that as recently as 2002, the district was on the financial watch list. In a press release, Shepherd said, in part, "Our financial success would not be possible without the commitment from the tax payers. We also recognize the commitment from the parents, students and Amboy staff who have helped the Board realize this goal. The Board of Education is to be commended for being excellent stewards with the financial resources that are endowed by the community, the state and federal government, as well."

A motion was made by Olson and seconded by Stephenitch 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.

Gail Dunn presented the annual report on the Illinois Standards for School Library Media Centers. In her last report before retiring at the end of the year, she noted several changes that have occurred since she began in 1987, especially in the area of technology. She explained her daily duties, the services that the library provides and said her personal school-wide goal has been to instill the values of personal and social responsibility. Mrs. Dunn said, "We are a very successful program at Amboy High School and these are the reasons we are successful-graduates and graduating classes who leave the library money, Mr. Hubbard, who keeps things running and the Amboy Education Foundation and their dedication to what they do." In closing, she thanked the Board of Education for her years at Amboy High School. "I've enjoyed it immensely. I'm looking forward to my retirement, but I will certainly miss the students of Amboy High School. It's been a great ride."

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Akre to approve the 2008-2009 Fee Schedule. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Setchell to approve submission of the IHSA (at no cost) and IESA (\$360.00) Membership Renewal Applications for 2008-2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Flessner to approve Intergovernmental Cooperation Agreement for entry of Amboy Community Unit School District #272, into the Ogle County Educational Co-operative, effective July 1, 2008, according to the Agreement terms, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Flessner to adopt and approve Joint Agreement and By-Laws of the Ogle County Educational Cooperative effective for the fiscal year July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Mead to approve Master Energy Services Agreement between Amboy Community Unit School District #272 and Vanguard Energy Services, L.L.C. for provision of natural gas services, effective July 1, 2008 through June 30, 2009, as presented. Superintendent Shepherd said a metric would be set up to track usage in comparison with NGI. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Stephenitch to authorize the administration to set a Public Hearing date for Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School cafeteria to seek application for Modification of Section 24-2 of the School Code as it relates to school holidays, specifically November 11th, Veterans' Day. Superintendent Shepherd said this waiver was based on a recommendation of the calendar committee and will shift Veterans' day off to the day before Thanksgiving. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Flessner to authorize the administration to set a Public Hearing date for Thursday, May 22, 2008, at 7:00 P.M. in the Amboy High School

cafeteria to seek application for Modification of Illinois School Code ILCS 5/27-23 as it relates to Driver's Education for the school years of 2008-2011. The purpose of the waiver request is to allow a three-year window for an increase in driver's education fees to bring them in line with other school districts in the area. The anticipated fee for the first year would be \$200, which represents an increase of \$130 from the previous year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mead and seconded by Olson to approve Resolution between Amboy Community School District #272 and Ohio Grade School District #17 and Ohio High School District #505, WHEREAS, the Petitioners have requested in said petition that concurrently with the proposed detachment of territory from the Amboy Community Unit School District #272 and annexation to the Ohio Grade School District #17 and Ohio High School District #505 that certain property shall be disconnected from Ohio Grade School District #17 and Ohio High School District #505 and annexed to the Amboy community Unit School District #272, and WHEREAS, the proposed detachments and annexations will not have a material impact on the financial circumstances of any of the School District involved. A final hearing will be conducted, at a specified date, on behalf of petitioners, Brian D. Blaine and Amanda M. Blaine by the Regional Board of School Trustees regarding the petition. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The first readings of the proposed handbook revisions for Central School, Amboy Junior High School and Amboy High School were presented. The revisions will be voted on at the May meeting.

The first reading of the proposed IASB Policy Revisions was presented on the district website. The revisions will be voted on at the May meeting.

At 7:46 p.m., a motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Stephenitch to move to Executive Session to discuss 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 8:25 p.m., a motion was made by Mead and seconded by Setchell to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Setchell to approve the suspensions of Students 4-24-08-01 through 4-24-08-28, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Setchell to accept Retirement Resignation of Renae Brown according to the Special Retirement Incentive Option Plan of the Collective Bargaining Agreement, effective at the end of the 2007-2008 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Akre to accept the resignation of Charles Meltzer as girls' basketball coach at Amboy High School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Akre and seconded by Setchell to accept the resignation Maranda Wheeler as playground supervisor at Central School, effective April 16, 2008. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Setchell and seconded by Mead to approve the employment of Karen Berthold as English/Speech teacher at Amboy High School for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Olson to approve the employment of Jeffrey Mischler as Social Studies teacher at Amboy High School for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Mead to approve the employment of Justin Stevenson as Business Education teacher at Amboy High School for the 2008-2009 school year. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: No Finance meeting for the month of May due to schedule constraints and next Regular School Board meeting on Thursday, May 22, 2008, at Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:30 p.m. by Akre 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 Becker, President

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