

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, JANUARY 22, 2009 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 Mead and Olson. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Bonnie Morris, Chase Castle, Michelle Anderson, Eric Riva, Brooke Weidman, Dennis Weidman, Sarah Shepherd, Gwen Shepherd, Vivian Shepherd, Becky Fredericks, Randy Highbarger, Becky Highbarger, Jackie Steinbach, Anna Willis, Deb Gilmore, Carol Schnaiter, Jessica McCormick, Joyce Schamberger, Jeff Thake and Judi Callison.

Following roll call, Superintendent Shepherd presented the State of the Schools Address. The Address included an overview of the District and its goals, which were derived from the Strategic Plan created in 2006. Shepherd stressed the District's commitment to growth and highlighted financial progress and student achievement. See attached.

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

- Minutes of the December 18, 2008, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of digital recordings dated July 15, 2007, July 20, 2007 and July 26, 2007. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Michelle Anderson of Johnson Controls was present to explain "Solutions" an energy saving and facility improvement contract. She detailed performance contracting, district goals, categories and the need for a long-term action plan.

Superintendent Shepherd reviewed the financial report. He said overall the revenues are coming in adequately. Expenditures are holding steady. According to the financial report, therm usage is up. Mechanical issues and aging equipment might be contributing factors. Johnson Controls has been contacted to help ascertain the problem.

A motion was made by Setchell 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.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Akre to authorize the Administration to accept quote for audit services. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Setchell to authorize the Administration to accept bids for mowing services, drug/alcohol, health/nursing and buses. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the 2008 District Improvement and RtI Plans, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:45 P.M., a motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Akre 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 student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:55 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 Flessner and seconded by Akre to approve the suspensions of Students 1-22-09-1 through 1-22-09-10, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the Extra-Curricular Schedule, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: No finance meeting in February; School Board Retreat on Saturday, February 7, at 8:30 a.m. at KSB Medical Arts Clinic; and the next Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, February 26, 2009 at 7:00 P.M. at Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:58 P.M. by Akre and seconded by Setchell to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Lori Setchell, Secretary Pro-Tem

Mark F. Becker, President

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