

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2009 AT 7:00 P.M.
AMBOY HIGH SCHOOL LIBRARY**

President Setchell called the Regular Meeting of the Board of Education to order at 7:00 P.M. All board members were present except Olson. Also present were: Quintin Shepherd, Pete Ayling, Sarah Willey, Ken Willey, Becky Highbarger, Michael Vaessen, Rebecca Vaessen, Katie Pratt, Andy Pratt, Jackie Steinbach, Liz Scriven, Janet Nehring, Jeff Thake, Joyce Schamberger, Jessica McCormick and Jenny McCoy.

President Setchell appointed Mark Becker to serve as Secretary pro tem.

President Setchell opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2009 tentative Tax Levy. Superintendent Shepherd briefly reviewed the information and explained the process. He said this year's levy is 8% higher than last year.

There being no comments or questions from the audience or Board of Education, a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Flessner to adopt the Resolution for the 2009 Tax Levy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Akre to direct the Secretary of the Board of Education to file the Certificate for Compliance for the 2009 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Tony Becker to direct the President and Secretary of the Board of Education to file the Certificate of Compliance for the Truth in Taxation Act. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Dan Stephenitch to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2009 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Rebecca Vaessen, Amboy High School senior, asked the Board to consider amending district policy and Amboy High School handbook provisions.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to approve the following Consent Agenda item(s):

- Minutes of the November 24, 2009, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of digital recordings dated June 23, 2008.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

In his financial report, Superintendent Shepherd said the district could face a difference of \$500,000 from last year. He then discussed a few "what if" scenarios and how we have to be prepared because things are not looking so great for our state.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker 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.

Jeff Thake and Liz Scriven discussed their experiences with advanced placement classes.

The proposed IASB Policy Revisions were presented for first reading.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Flessner to approve Resolution between Amboy Community Unit School District #272 and Dixon School District #170, WHEREAS, the Petitioners have requested in said petition that certain property shall be disconnected from Dixon School District #170 and annexed to the Amboy Community Unit School District #272. A final hearing will be conducted, at a specified date, on behalf of petitioners, Andrew Pratt and Katie Pratt by the Regional Board of School Trustees regarding the petition. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Mark Becker to approve the three-year rate guarantee agreement with ISDA, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Tony Becker to approve the amendment to WRVS joint agreement, as presented in November. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Flessner to accept BWP contract proposal, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the authorization of the Board President to sign a Memorandum of Understanding for application of Race to Top Funds (RT3). Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:52 P.M., a motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Tony Becker 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, including hearing testimony on a complaint lodged against an employee of the public body or against legal council of the public body to determine its validity and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 8:35 P.M., a motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Flessner to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the suspensions of Students 12-17-09-1 through 12-17-09-7, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Mark Becker and seconded by Akre to accept the resignation of Carl Grossman as Bus Driver, effective November 24, 2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Tony Becker and seconded by Flessner to approve the employment of Ken Willey as Maintenance Director, effective December 28, 2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Flessner and seconded by Stephenitch to approve the employment of Peter Ayling as Contractual Bus Driver, effective December 18, 2009. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, January 28, 2010 at 7:00 P.M. at Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 8:40 P.M. by Akre and seconded by Mark Becker to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Mark Becker, Secretary pro tem

Lori Setchell, President

Approved: _____