

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
BOARD OF EDUCATION
AMBOY COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #272
THURSDAY, DECEMBER 15, 2011 AT 7:00 P.M.
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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: Jeff Thake, Bonnie Morris, Anna Willis, Sarah Fisher, Mary Ann Redshaw, Joyce Schamberger, Ron Gruber and Jenny McCoy.

President Setchell opened the Public Hearing regarding the tentative amended budget for 2011-2012. Superintendent Thake gave an explanation of the amended budget. There were no questions or comments.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Becker to approve the 2011-2012 school budget, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

President Setchell opened the Public Hearing regarding the 2011 tentative Tax Levy. Superintendent Thake reviewed the information, as presented.

There being no comments or questions from the audience or Board of Education, a motion was made by Becker and seconded by Jones to adopt the Resolution for the 2011 Tax Levy, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Akre to direct the Secretary of the Board of Education to file the Certificate for Compliance for the 2011 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Hochstatter 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 Akre and seconded by Stephenitch to close the Public Hearing regarding the 2011 Tax Levy. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

The floor was opened to comments from the public. Joyce Schamberger introduced Sarah Fisher, a student teacher at the Jr. High.

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

- Minutes of the November 22, 2011, Regular Open & Closed Board Meetings; and
- Destruction of digital recordings dated June 24, 2010.

Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

In his financial report, Superintendent Thake announced that we continue to show a reduction in expenditures from last year.

A motion was made by Hochstatter and seconded by Stephenitch to execute an order for a public hearing on January 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at the Amboy High School to be held pursuant to the Bond Issue Notification Act of the State of Illinois to receive public comments on the proposal to sell bonds of the District in the amount not to exceed \$400,000 for the purpose of Health Life Safety work for Central School. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

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

The next order of business was the Principal and Superintendent Reports. The Principals reviewed their reports as presented. Superintendent Thake talked about Common Core, announced that the January Board meeting will include a presentation of the district improvement plan and announced that the annual Board Retreat will be held on Saturday, February 11, 2012.

A motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Akre to approve the IASB policy revisions, as presented in November. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Jones to approve the School Improvement Goals/Plans for Central School, Amboy Junior High School and Amboy High School, as presented in November. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:27 P.M., a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Jones 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 counsel of the public body to determine its validity; litigation, when an action against, affecting or on behalf of the particular public body has been filed and is pending before a court or administrative tribunal, or when the public body finds that an action is probable or imminent, in which case the basis for the finding shall be recorded and entered into the minutes of the closed meeting; and student discipline. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

At 7:48 P.M., a motion was made by Stephenitch and seconded by Jones to return to Open Session. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Jones and seconded by Akre to approve the suspensions of Students 12-15-11-1 through 12-15-11-46, as presented. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

A motion was made by Becker and seconded by Akre to approve Lori Bickett as Secretary at the Amboy High School, effective January 3, 2012. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Upcoming dates include: Finance Meeting on Thursday, January 12, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Amboy High School. Regular School Board Meeting on Thursday, January 26, 2012, 7:00 p.m., at Amboy High School.

There being no further business to bring before the Board, a motion was made at 7:53 P.M. by Hochstatter and seconded by Stephenitch to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously upon roll call.

Respectfully submitted,

Reed Akre, Secretary Pro Tem

Lori Setchell, President

Approved: _____