

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
SEPTEMBER 17, 2025, WEDNESDAY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM
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MINUTES

MISSION STATEMENT

The mission of Amity School District is:

Provide an educational system that enables each of our community's students to reach their greatest potential for the lifelong benefit of each student and the betterment of our community and our country.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:03 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair
Amanda Grove, Vice Chair, arrived 6:23 pm
Ray Bottenberg
Tim Haarsma
Ryan Jones, absent

Administrators Present:

Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal
Kevin Blanco, Special Ed Director

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present:

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrative Reports-copies on file

- Elementary school has 32 new students and had a great start to the new year.
- Middle school has 47 new students and learning the new space and establishing systems.
- High school is off to a great start with 279 students and has seen a positive change with the phone ban.

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B. Special Education Report -copy on file

-New teacher at the High School, Rebecca Fromherz.

C. CTE Report

-Applying for a \$10,000 Harbor Freight Impact Grant to build two 8' x 16' cottages that will include shower and toilet facilities.

D. Maintenance (copies on file)

-Working on the new under cover play structure for the Elementary School.
-Work for a new A/C unit in the blue gym is underway. The blue gym will also be painted.

E. Superintendent Report

-Football and soccer field lights will be installed at the end of October or beginning of November.
-Crows nest remodel under review.
-Paul Chamberlin, HMK, will be at the October meeting for the bond update.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

a) None

B. New Business

a) 2024-2025 Integrated Program Annual Report Narrative

Taralyn Rogers-Varnum presented the 2024-2025 Integrated Program Annual Report. (copy on file)

Amanda Grove **motioned** to accept the 2024-2025 Integrated Program Annual Report, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

b) Overnight Trips (Fall Outdoor School; FFA District Leadership Camp)

-copies on file

Motion by Amanda Grove to approve the field trips, **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

c) First Reading Board Policies

- a) JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices (Required)
- b) JFCEB-AR Request for Personal Electronic Devices Exception (Optional)
- c) JOA – Directory Information (Required)
- d) JO/GBAB-AR – Education Records/Records of Students with Disabilities Management (Required)
- e) JFCEB – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media (Delete)
- f) JFCEB-AR – Personal Electronic Devices and Social Media (Delete)

Motion by Ray Bottenberg to approve first reading of the listed board policies, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

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Added d) Dance Co-Op

Amity has five participants this year. Request by Syndie Ryder to co-op with Santiam Christian. Santiam Christian will pay the sports fees and be responsible to transport the team for practices, etc.

Motion by Amanda Grove to approve the Dance Co-Op with Santiam Christian, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

Added e) Board Policy GBC-AR

Requested proposed update was tabled.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the August 6, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

Added B. New Hire

-Rebecca Fromherz, High School Special Ed Teacher

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the consent agenda, **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, Jennifer Leppin adjourned the regular board meeting at 6:52 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent