

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12, 2025
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:30 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 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

Tim Haarsma, Board Chair
Jennifer Leppin, Vice Chair
Ray Bottenberg
Amanda Grove
Ryan Jones

Administrators Present:

Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Jessica Rojas, Elementary School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary; Kevin Blanco, Sped Director; Taralyn Rogers-Varnum, Teacher/Grants Coordinator

Others Present:

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

-Principal Matocha, Sticka, and Rojas reviewed their board reports noting summer school events, state testing, and high school student forecasting for 2025-26.

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B. CTE

- Two 8x12 cottages were completed and picked up on April 8th through coordination with Polk County Human Services. They will build three more prior to the end of school.
- Construction trades are currently finishing a new ticket booth for the high school.
- Nine Ag students attended the OR FFA State Convention and gained leadership skills. Many are excited to run for an FFA officer position this coming school year.
- Welding students are continuing to become proficient in a variety of welding techniques. They are also learning to use the CNC Plasma Cutter for the AEF auction item.
- Horticulture is busy working in the greenhouse preparing hanging baskets for the plant sale.
- Cabinetry students are feeling the heat as their groups rush to meet project deadlines for this year's AEF auction night.
- Senior Capstone students are giving the Maypole a refresh in preparation for the 100th May Day celebration.
- Woodturning students have begun their figured woods unit, learning to manage more difficult projects and wood types, as well as learning to create the dreaded hollow form. Advanced students will begin sculptural turning, learning voids, off-center works, and multi-axis turning.

C. Maintenance Report

- There was a water leak at the Elementary School, but the problem could not be located and has since stopped. This meter will be monitored for any variances.
- The lighting project at the Elementary School is completed.
- The new bus enclosure gate at the High School has been installed and is operational.

D. Financial Report - copies on file

- We are watching our numbers closely with much chatter at ODE as they update their figures with all this state's district's updates for corrections/changes to high cost, adm (average daily membership), poverty, etc. that will affect adjustments to our final payment in May.

The budget will be built using the current information we have received to date for next fiscal year.

E. Superintendent Report

- We have positions open for a High School Science Teacher, Spanish Teacher, Middle School Science Teacher, and Credit Recover position. Taralyn has resigned as a teacher and continue on as our grant coordinator. Andy Dyer will be managing the increased EL population. The Spanish teacher will be shared with Perrydale School District. Rhonda Nelson is retiring and Ryan will review how to fill the credit recovery position.
- Logan is working on getting bids for the 60 x 120' play area at the Elementary School.

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IV. Business

A. Old Business

1. None

B. New Business

1. Integrated Plan 25-27 Budget, Strategies, and Outcomes

Taralyn reviewed the entire Integrated Plan for 2025-2027 budget, strategy, outcomes and plan to get there. There was a motion by Amanda Grove to **accept/approve** the Integrated Plan 25-27 Budget, Strategies, and Outcomes, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from March 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting.

B. New Hire

-Kari Sanders, ES Counselor

C. Resignation

-Taralyn Rogers-Varnum/Teacher

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

VI. Adjourn

Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:17 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent