# Regular Board Meeting Minutes — August 5, 2026

This is the readable version of the official minutes PDF. The PDF is the official record.

Amity School District 4J, 807 S Trade St., Amity, OR 97101. August 5, 2026, Wednesday. Regular board meeting, 6:30 PM. Live link located at: [www.amity.k12.or.us](https://www.amity.k12.or.us) > School Board.

## 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 6:31 p.m.

Board members present: Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair; Amanda Grove, Vice Chair; Ray Bottenberg; Tim Haarsma; Ryan Jones.

Administrators present: Jeff Clark, Superintendent.

District staff present: Ann Adams, Board Secretary.

Others present: Shannon Smith; Hillary Miersma; Melissa Bosvert; Dan Rinke.

### II. Swearing in elected directors

N/A

### III. Elect 2026-2027 Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

Ryan Jones nominated Amanda Grove for Board Chairman, second by Jennifer Leppin. The vote was unanimous.

Amanda Grove nominated Jennifer Leppin for Board Vice Chairman, second by Ryan Jones. The vote was unanimous.

### IV. Board committee assignments

- A. Building and Grounds- Amanda Grove and Ray Bottenberg
- B. Transportation- Ryan Jones and Tim Haarsma
- C. Finance/Negotiations-Tim Haarsma and Jennifer Leppin

## V. Hearing of the people

The Booster Club Board members introduced themselves and shared their focus and activities for this school year.

## VI. Reports

### A. Maintenance report

- The new lights at the soccer field are installed but we are waiting on the lighting company to pull wire to the lights and pull new wire from the transformer into the lighting control unit. This should be completed by August 10th.
- The Elementary School sidewalk is being replaced now and should be complete by August 8th.
- The trees at the Elementary School and the courtyard area of the High School have been removed. This will help the gutters and safeguard our utilities.
- The High School Band room storage area was remodeled.
- A dividing wall is being installed in the learning resource room at the High School to utilize that space more effectively.
- Working on the amount remaining from the bond expenditures.
- Logan is working with an engineer to get a plan for restrooms near the football field.

### B. Superintendent report

#### District office

The District Office is progressing nicely. Flooring is being installed today, and the furniture will be in the second week of September.

#### Middle School

The Middle School is being used for Sheriff's Department trainings. The Sheriff's Department has expressed an interest in purchasing or leasing the property and building; however, the approval is expected to be cumbersome.

#### Truancy

In 2021, punitive authority was removed from the truancy process, meaning parents could no longer be cited. This caused an increase in truancy.

Malheur and Umatilla Districts are two districts that have implemented a process with their respective counties to allow parents to be cited again. These districts now have some of the best attendance in the state.

Amity Superintendent Clark and Kourtney Ferrua, McMinnville School District Superintendent met with Kit Johnston, Yamhill County Board Commissioner to discuss the issue. Jeff and Kourtney will work on creating a task force to make a recommendation regarding what a committee would look like and how it would operate. The only cost involved will be for the Judge.

## VII. Business

### A. Old business

### a) Second reading board policies

1. GCBDD/GDBDD - Sick Time (Highly Recommended)
2. GCBD/GDBD - Sick Leave (Optional)
3. BC/SCA - Board Organization (Optional)

There was a motion by Ryan Jones to approve the second reading of listed policies, second by Tim Haarsma. The vote was unanimous.

### B. New business

a) None

## VIII. Consent agenda

A. Minutes from the June 24, 2026, Regular Board Meeting. Minutes from the July 21, 2026, Special Board Meeting.

### B. Adoption of board policies

- a) BDDG - Recordings and minutes of Board Meetings (Highly Recommended)
- b) CBG - Eval. of the Superintendent (Required)
- c) EBB - Integrated Pest Management (Required)
- d) GBA - Equal Employment Opportunities (Required)
- e) GBN/JBA - Sexual Harassment (Required)
- f) BDDG - Minute of Board Meetings (Delete)

There was a motion by Ray Bottenberg to approve the consent agenda, second by Jennifer Leppin. The vote was unanimous.

## VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:04 p.m.

[Signed: Amanda Grove, Board Chair]

[Signed: Jeff Clark, Superintendent]