

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
AUGUST 7, 2024, WEDNESDAY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:30 PM

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.

BUDGET HEARING

I. Call to Order

The budget hearing was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present: Mundana Vrell; Jennifer Milldrum

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:31p.m.

II. Elect 2024-2025 Board Chairperson and Vice Chairperson

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

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

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III. 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

IV. Hearing of the People

None.

V. Reports

a. Administrator Reports (copies on file)

- Principal Sticka reported over the summer he had run into many students and staff that were excited about this school year and he feels the same. They anticipate updated classrooms/spaces, fall sports, 100th May Day this next Spring, a new high school competition gym, etc.
- Once the high school staff are able to return to the building later in August, there is quite a bit of work to get learning spaces ready for students. Flexibility and keeping the building construction endgame in mind this fall will be important.
- There is not much turnover at the high school other than Katie Stearns will be heading to the District Office as Student Services Secretary, Brenda Whiteley will assume the High School Head Secretary's position, and Hannah Withee will be the Attendance/Athletic Secretary. Breanna Carrasco-Vivar is the Middle School/High School ELL aide.
- The "FLEX" period, titled TAG in 2023-2024, will continue in 2024-2025 at the high school.
- Principal Matocha stated the Middle School will collaborate with the High School to provide a free physical and sports registration night on August 6th from 4:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.
- Principal Matocha is focusing on hiring coaches for the Middle School sports teams. She would like to co-op with Perrydale again this year as there are thirteen students out for football. Lee Barr will be the soccer coach, and Autumn Hayes will coach Cross Country.
- Principal Rojas stated there are two staff not returning this school year.
- The cabinetry in one first grade classroom will be installed mid-August due to the January storm damage and new carpet will be installed in rooms 109 and 110.
- The elementary summer school is over half-way through the five-week program with 68 students signed up and attended at least once. This is 25 more students than attended last summer. More than one third of the students have had 100% attendance.
- Kinder Camp has had 40 incoming kindergarten students sign up to attend.

b. Maintenance Report (copy on file)

- Remodeling and building construction continue at the high school. While the water was off for construction maintenance, maintenance was able to open the large hot water storage tank at the high school and it was determined that the tank would be replaced.
- The Blue Gym has gotten a fresh coat of paint on all the walls and a new wood floor installed.
- Reroofing of the 1965 wing revealed five or six cracked 2 x 12's that were sagging in the ceiling of the boiler room. They will be replaced or repaired after engineering gets done evaluating.

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-The 1965 wing is being sheet rocked, plumbed, painted, and having installation of gas lines in the science room.

-There will be a quote to repaint all the mauve doors in the future.

c. Superintendent Report

-The 2024 Senior Class has donated funds to purchase scorer tables for the Blue Gym.

-The last item to be installed in the 1965 wing will be the skylights in the science rooms which will be completed in October – December.

-We will have two new hires for the Elementary School in August.

-Superintendent Clark expressed his appreciation to the Principals for being flexible during this time of construction.

VI. Business

a. Old Business

i. Second Reading Board Policies

1. BD/BDA – Board Meeting (Optional)

2. BDC – Executive Sessions (Optional)

3. EFA – Local Wellness (Required)

4. KBA – Public Records (Highly Recommended)

5. LBE – Public Charter Schools (Highly Recommended)**

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

b. New Business

1. 2024-2025 District Athletic/Activity Handbook Revisions

Principals Mary Matocha and Ryan Sticka updated the student handbooks to clarify language and grammar, academic eligibility; include semester review to include a 2.0 cumulative GPA and week by week eligibility is based on grades. The fees section was updated, clarified football doesn't need a physical every year, updated in-school suspension language, and clarified the substance abuse disciplinary action plan.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the 2024-2025 District Athletic/Activity Handbook Revisions contingent upon additional changes discussed, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Postvention Plan Revisions

Principal Matocha reviewed the proposed revisions to the District's Suicide Policy-copy on file.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the Suicide Prevention, Intervention, Postvention Plan Revisions, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. High School Paving Bids (copy on file)

The Board had approved a former bid from North Santiam Paving Co., however, the bid did not include prevailing wage. We have received three quotes: Hal's

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Construction, Inc. (\$51,205); North Santiam Paving Co. (\$59,565); and Kodiak Pacific Construction (\$63,250).

There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the paving bid from Hal's, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

4. First Reading Board Policy

1. LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Charter School Attendance

This policy has language around requests and percentage of students being released to virtual charter schools.

There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to approve the first reading of Board Policy LBEA, **second** by Amanda Grove. the **vote** was unanimous.

Added 5. Game in Troutdale WA – Soccer

There is a soccer game scheduled 8/31/24 in Trout Lake, WA. Though it's not overnight, it is over the state border.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the Trout Lake, WA soccer game, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

VII. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the June 25, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

b. Resignations

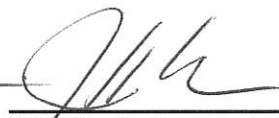
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There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the consent agenda, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

VIII. Adjourn

Board Chair, Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:45 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent