

**AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13, 2024
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 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.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

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

Others Present: Paul Chamberlin, HMK

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

Principal Matocha provided an update on discipline, attendance, and the recent fall conferences. She also highlighted an upcoming survey the Middle School students will be participating in designed to gather student perceptions on various aspects of school life. Parents will have the option to review the survey questions in advance or to opt their child out of participation.

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Principal Rojas reviewed schoolwide data for math, reading, behavior referrals, and attendance for September/October. She shared that the Jog-a-thon raised \$26,323.35 this year. Staff and parents are discussing some possible “big-ticket” purchases to benefit the entire school. Additionally, these will support a wide variety of schoolwide awards.

Principal Sticka shared details of homecoming festivities and Mr. Ojua’s band concert, which included students from 5th through 12th grade. Parent-Teacher Conferences included an open-house to allow parents to view the continued renovation progress. He noted, “Quarter 1 this year compared to last year: student discipline suspensions are down, and attendance is about the same, though highlighted that variables can significantly influence these data points each school year fairly significantly.”

B. Maintenance

- New camera were installed on the two new mini buses.
- Bus 3 has been considered surplus and sold. It was beginning to break down and with the two new buses, it was no longer needed.
- The gym floor had some minor issues which have been solved. A new floor will be installed this next summer.
- Logan is working with Platt Electric and Oregon Energy Trust to get new LED lights installed at the elementary school. The project is estimated to cost \$189,900 which will be funded primarily by Oregon Energy Trust and SB 1149. The district will pay a portion of the labor.

C. CTE Report

- Welding students are completing check off welds for Stick and MIG welding.
- Amity FFA did an AG Literacy with the Kindergarteners at the end of October and are looking forward to additional literacy projects as the year goes on.
- The beginning soils team placed second at the beginning of October. The team consisted of two sophomores and two eighth graders with Violet Withee (sophomore) placing in the top 10.
- Construction trades received a grant for MWEC for a golf cart and trailer. The plan is to use the golf card to teach students how to back a trailer.
- Students are finishing the 8x16 cottage and will be starting the two 8x12 wildfire relief cottages before Thanksgiving break.

D. Financial Report

Reports were provided along with state and federal grant report. Additional information was provided regarding the Oregon Public Employees Retirement System and Amity’s Pension Bond that matures June 2028.

E. Superintendent Report

Paul Chamberlin, HMK updated the Board on the current status of our ongoing building progress, as well as the financial standing with regard to our set aside contingency. March is the expected completion date for the competition gym. The Middle School is completion is expected by end of June. The remaining unallocated balance for projects is under continuous review. We are considering the renovation of the district office and track resurfacing.

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IV. Business

A. Old Business

a. None

B. New Business

a. Overnight Trips

The High School Girls and Boys Basketball teams are requesting permission to attend an Astoria Tournament from December 26th through the 29th. Chaperones will be Jed McMullen, Tim Haarsma, Karl McShane, Amanda Grove, Devin McShane, AJ Farmer, Sucelly Huber, and Conrad Farmer.

Principal Matocha is requesting approval for an eighth-grade promotion trip to Camp Morrow departing May 28th and returning May 30th. The staff to student ratio will be 1:5.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve all the requested overnight trips, **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

Added b. Elementary School Lighting Project Bids

We are requesting approval to proceed with the Elementary School Lighting Replacement project, which involves upgrading to energy-efficient LED lighting. The project will improve energy efficiency and reduce long-term maintenance cost. The project estimate is \$189,900. It will be funded primarily by Energy Trust of Oregon (\$61,500) and SB 1149 funding (\$75,177). The district will only pay for a portion of labor and install. We have received three bids for the labor as follows: Farnham Electric (\$86,240); McMullen Electric (\$70,810); and Nice Electric (\$74,321).

There was a **motion** by Ray Bottenberg to approve the Elementary School Lighting Project, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

There was another motion by Ray Bottenberg to accept McMullen Electric's bid, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

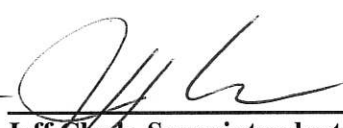
A. Minutes from September 18, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

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

VI. Adjourn

Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:08 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent