

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12, 2025
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 6:00 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; Taralyn Rogers-Varnum

Others Present: Paul Chamberlin, HMK Company

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

- Principal Sticka stated Spring athletics have begun, scheduling for next year is in full swing, and planning for May Day (May 2nd -100th anniversary) has also begun, Amity Theater Club will have a Spring performance (date tbd). Prom is April 5th at Abbey Roads Farm in Carlton.
- Seniors are working on their final projects – firm dates forthcoming.

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- Principal Matocha reviewed IXL data which allows for screening, diagnostics, progress monitoring, and intervention for all students in the content areas of Math and Language Arts, additional instruction, and extensions for ag students.
- IXL purchase information: we are in year one of a three-year subscription for 450 IXL licenses serving our middle and high school students. We need to plan for the 2027-2028 school year.
- Principals Sticka and Matocha presented and reviewed the 2025-2026 Middle/High School proposed bell schedule.
- Principal Rojas stated the School Store Fundraiser will be completed by spring break. Funds go directly to the classroom teachers, a small percentage to be used for prizes and incentive items for the school store.
- Elementary 2nd Grade completed a Trout Fish to Fry study and released fish at Sheridan Fish Pond and began study of local Amity history; 3rd Grade survival swim starts after spring break for eight days, one hour/day at the McMinnville Aquatic Center; 4th Grade will be going to the Pioneer Village for an Oregon Trail and Historical study; and 5th Grade will be finishing Colonial life and Government simulation unit.
- The elementary reading and math specialists are focusing on improving core instruction at each grade level by implementing teaching models and student groups to directly support improving lagging skills and enhance the students at grade level.
- Elementary grade levels are working on creating alignment of social studies and science units to ensure students have the necessary foundational skills and background knowledge.
- Elementary teachers are working to incorporate literacy and math into the social studies and science units to build stronger integrated units to improve student outcomes in all areas.
- Shout out to Diana Sohn! She has been attending "Science of Reading" trainings since covid and she has taken paraprofessionals to a training. Amity was the largest group and ahead of the literacy changes being rolled out. Diana has been asked to have our teachers be recorded using our curriculum. Amity's curriculum will be the model for several local districts.

B. CTE

- AG/FFA students attended the Lower Willamette FFA District Convention and the Year 2 Leadership Conference. Two students ran for District Officer and Kenzie Kauer was elected to serve as the District Vice President for the 2025-2026 School Year.
- Students in Intro to Ag and Middle School Ag are beginning their tractor safety certification.
- Horticulture students have begun planting flower starts for the annual plant sale April 30th – May 4th.
- Manufacturing students went to the Oregon Logging Conference February 21st.
- Cabinetry students are focusing on auction-related design-builds for this year's AEF banquet.
- Woodturning students are starting their unit on figured woods, finishing their lidded container unit, and getting better at creating perfect-fit pieces and containers.
- Advanced Woodturning students are working on a wet woodturning, learning to work with and anticipate wood shrinkage rates, deformation, and drying.

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-Senior Capstone students have created their business websites. They are beginning to develop their product lines and learning about small business registry, responsibilities, etc.

C. Maintenance Report

-A shipping container was donated and will be used for softball storage.
-The new fence around the bus parking area has been installed.

D. Financial Report - copies on file

-General Fund has been updated with the state estimate of a \$325K reduction in state revenue to budget.
-Food service analysis comparison to last year: Rev ~28% increase in addition to the same increase in expense. Cash sales are lower since all first meals are free, reimbursements from the state (they pay a set amount for every first meal) are higher. Main causes of increased expenses are due to the increase in salaries and food costs. Food costs have increased about 48%, some due to increased servings but also due to fluctuating costs (e.g. case of lettuce sometimes \$28 or as high as \$58). Meals served are up about 48% between breakfast and lunch. We are working on becoming more efficient with the high school lines having two servers; it may increase the number of meals served. With long lines students may not care to wait, so they leave. Added hours for Mark Trejo are being used so he may visit all the schools for supervision of meal serving.

E. Superintendent Report

-We are in the process of hiring for an Elementary School Counselor, MS Science Teacher, Elementary and High School Structured Special Education Teacher, and instructional assistants.
-The ELL demand has increased significantly-we are about double since pre-covid with a few students not able to speak English.
-Introduction of Paul Chamberland, HMK who reviewed the progress on the Bond Project.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

1. Integrated Programs Report on Needs Assessment and Community Engagement

Taralyn Rogers-Varnum discussed the Integrated Programs in regard to the Needs Assessment and Community Engagement. She reported on the surveys that were completed by our staff and community and the outcomes and priorities.

B. New Business

1. Track Project

After careful review and consideration, HMK Company recommends that the Amity School District Board award a purchase order to Beynon Sports. This is an OR Inter-Mountain ESD Cooperative Purchase, through the Association of Educational Purchasing Agencies. This contract shall be entered into under the same terms, conditions, and prices as set forth in the purchasing agreement AEPA Fieldturf 024-A. There are three options for track surfacing for the Board to consider.

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There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve Option #2: BSS 200 at a cost of \$370,865.28 with additional (color exchange zone) alternate costs of \$28,910.36 for in the exchange lanes, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. District Office Project

HMK Company recommends the award of a contract to Facet Architects in the amount of \$61,300 for design serviced for the district office. There was a **motion** by Ray Bottenberg to award the contract to Facet Architects, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

3. 2025-2026 MS/HS Proposed Bell Schedule

Previously reviewed in Administrator reports. There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to approve the proposed bell schedule, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

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

B. Resignation

Karen Vetter

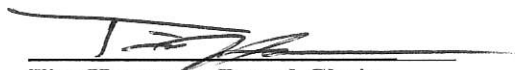
C. Adoption of Board Policies

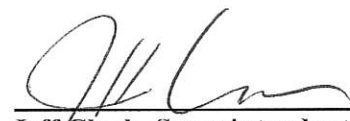
- 1. BBF – Board Members Standards of Conduct (Highly Recommended)**
- 2. CBG – Evaluation of the Superintendent (Required)**
- 3. CCG – Evaluation of the Administrators (Required)**
- 4. CBC – Superintendent's Contract (Optional)**

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

VI. Adjourn

Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:56 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent