

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8, 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; John Stearns, CTE Teacher

Others Present: none

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

-Principal Matocha reviewed the At-A-Glance profile outcomes.
-OSU women's basketball team invited elementary and middle schools to attend games which allows students to learn about the game, see college players, and meet some OSU players. Our middle school girls' basketball team attended and appreciated the opportunity.

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- Middle school boys' basketball season started January 7th, with the first game January 14th.
- Melissa Taylor will create a monthly newsletter to keep families informed about events.
- Principal Sticka reviewed six data points from the School Report Card/Schools Profile and compared the past three years of data.
- Amity High School Theater and Band had terrific holiday performances with thanks to Mr. Ojua and Ms. Connor for their dedication and leadership,
- Principal Rojas reviewed schoolwide activities at the elementary school and completed events.

B. CTE

- Amity FFA participated in the Oregon FFA State Food Science Career Development Event for the first time. Ms. Breazile took three freshman and one sophomore and they were excited to have placed in the middle of the pack.
- Ms. Breazile attended the NAAE National Convention in San Antonio and plans to implement new resources in her classes.
- Violet Withee received a Blue Jacket from Oregon FFA and Ag West Farm Credit. She was one of eleven chosen to participate in the Blue Jacket Experience which will provide her with a scholarship to attend the Oregon FFA State Convention. Congratulations Violet!
- Woods Manufacturing students completed a group challenge build that grew from their foundational learning about engineered wood product (EWPs). They were tasked with designing and constructing a step stool from plywood (an EWP) that had to withstand load testing and meet specific joinery and design requirements.
- Woodturning are learning bowl turning, introducing students to different tools and techniques.
- Students in the senior capstone class have recently completed their exploration of various woodworking topics with the most recent being intarsia. They will be required to showcase clear project plan literacy skills, as well as tool proficiency and craftsmanship as they set out to create an individual project from identical plans.
- Construction Trades classes participated in Food For All in December; they packed approximately 20 tons of food (potatoes, apples, turnips, onions) donated by local farmers that were sent to food banks across the state for the holidays.
- John Stearns spent a week in San Antonio for the ACTE (Association of Career Technical Educators) Conference. He had a chance to visit with NextGen Trucking and Harbor Freight vendors.
- John Stearns was asked by Team Oregon Build to present at the Oregon Business Plan's Annual Leadership Summit. He took three students and one presented on stage for twenty minutes in front of 1,500 local business leaders, State Representatives, Senators, and the Governor.

C. Maintenance Report

- Work on the high school boiler room ceiling began during winter break. The new ceiling joists are in place and the boiler pipes have been lifted back up. This is the hardest part of the job being completed. The floor supports will be added to ensure the pipes are supported without damaging the roof again.
- New LED lights were installed in the elementary school covered play area.

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D. Financial Report

Fund analysis reports were provided along with state and federal grant reports.

E. Superintendent Report

- Steve Duke, with Triplett Wellmen, stated the completion timeline for the new middle school and gym is on schedule.
- The budget is in good shape and few change orders are expected going forward.
- Minor changes to the new gym include raising the football lockers off the floor so it may be hosed out and adding cages for team equipment.
- Wrapping up rebranding and architect services incorporated in the new gym. The floor will have an A in the floor design.
- The sheet rocking is almost completed in the new gym.
- John Stearns is building the trophy cases that will be installed in the new gym walkway area.
- The State is in the process of "fixing" the newly installed ADA ramps in the city/school walkway area. The State will acquire some existing school property via an assessment.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

a. None

B. New Business

a. Quotes for Bus Enclosure Fence

We have received three quotes for fencing around the bus area as follows:

Fence Master Fence Co - \$16,239.12

DM Bowers Construction dba Town & Country Fence - \$16,689

Mike's Fence Center - \$21,440

May do a double gate instead of a single gate.

There was a **motion** by Ray Bottenberg to approve Fence Master Fence Co. quote for the bus enclosure fencing by Ray Bottenberg, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

b. First Reading 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 Jennifer Leppin to approve the first reading of the listed board policies, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Retirement

Ann Jacobo-Safranski is retiring effective January 1 and contracting back through the end of this school year.

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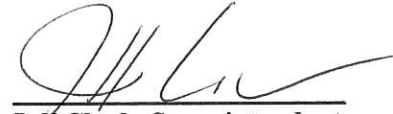
B. Minutes from November 13, 2024, Regular Board Meeting.

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

VI. Adjourn

Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Tim Haarsma, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent