

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9, 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 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary; Taralyn Varnum

Others Present: Nathan Frarck, City of Amity Administrator

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

- Congratulations to John Stearns who has received the Harbor Freight Tools for School Award. The District received \$50,000 for his program tools and he received \$15,000 personally.
- Principal Matocha gave a discipline, attendance and sports update; reviewed academic baselines, and shared upcoming events.

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- Principal Rojas shared the Elementary's current school focus on instruction, Title I interventions, completed events and upcoming events.
- Principal Sticka stated preliminary student grades were reviewed by grade level teachers so additional interventions may be scheduled with students as needed.
- Homecoming is the week of October 14th and has many events scheduled. Regarding building construction, Triplett Wellman has been fantastic to work with.

B. Maintenance Report

- District wide assessment of building structures with the exception of the Middle School by Oregon Department of Education Facilities Department has begun. This is a new program funded by the state looking into any deferred maintenance or ADA compliance issues. There will be a site walk at the Elementary School, High School, and District Office with the reports made to the state and the district. The program is meant to give the state an idea of how much funding they should make available to districts for large scale deferred maintenance.
- There were two bubbles in the main gym floor; one by the boys' locker room and one on the baseline; they have been temporarily fixed.
- We are getting quotes to update the entire alarm system at the Elementary School. It's looking to be about \$160K.

C. CTE Report

John Stearns highlighted class projects from cabinetry, woodturning, advanced woodturning, Senior capstones (projects are being displayed in the main office display case), and construction.

D. Superintendent Report

- Construction is progressing. There was settling in one spot of the Middle School foundation that is being addressed. Triplett Wellman and HMK are great companies to work with.
- We've used about \$500k of unallocated funds for change orders to date. Most change orders occurred during the 1965 remodel. We had approximately \$2.2M to begin and currently have \$1.8M remaining. (very few change orders)
- Administration had the best start of the school year since I've been here. (good programs, discipline is better, etc.)
- Superintendent Clark resigned today from the OR Small School Association (OSSA) due to their lack of representation for small schools. He will be participating on a joint committee to represent small schools across the entire state.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

a. None

B. New Business

a. SIA/HSS Grant Annual Report (copy on file)

Taralyn Varnum presented the report.

There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to accept the SIA/HSS Grant Annual Report, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

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b. Early Literacy Grant

Taralyn presented the report also stating there is no data from ODE to date. There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to accept the Early Literacy Grant report, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

c. Division 22 Report

Superintendent Clark reviewed the annual assurances letter and the Division 22 standards of the State of Oregon. This report will be filed with the State by November 1st. The Suicide Prevention Plan and T.A.G. Plan were updated last year. This year the Drug and Alcohol Intervention and Prevention Plan will be updated in the manner the State requires. There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to accept the Division 22 Report, **second** by Amanda Grove.

d. Overnight Trip (Leadership/ Student Counsel)

Jill Whitehead requested authorization for a Leadership/Student Council overnight trip to Seaside, OR November 3rd returning the 4th. Jennifer Leppin **motioned** to approve the Leadership/Student Counsel trip contingent on chaperones attending, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

e. Discussion: Middle School Recommendation

Superintendent Clark discussed the idea of leasing the existing Middle School Building versus selling the property. The idea is to consider a long-term lease with the City of Amity with conditions attached. Some conditions to think about are: reserving 2-3 classrooms for school use; gym would be first access use by the district then community; the district would have “free of charge” usage; perhaps the District would have use of other areas as needed. The City of Amity would have the responsibility of maintaining the building and preserving historical markers. Discussion will be continued regarding the issue of liability of the building. The Board is willing to meet with the City Counsel for additional discussions during their work sessions. Nathan Frarck stated he would speak with the City Council. The next City Council work session is November 20th at 5:30 pm.

V. Consent Agenda

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

B. Adoption of Board Policies

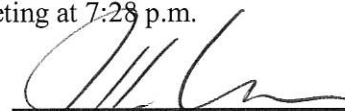
a. LBEA – Resident Student Denial for Virtual Charter School Attendance

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the consent agenda with corrections, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

VI. Adjourn

Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:28 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent