

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
SEPTEMBER 18, 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.

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
Ray Bottenberg, via Google
Amanda Grove, 6:25 p.m.
Ryan Jones

Administrators Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary; John Stearns, CTE Teacher

Others Present: Heather Harris

II. Hearing of the People

Heather Harris discussed the drug testing policy. The Board, Mary Matocha, Ryan Sticka, and Superintendent Clark gave an update of the changes made to the student handbook (currently being updated). In addition, they shared what is happening in each of the schools in many social aspects revolving around the students to help them mature in a healthy environment.

III. Reports

a. Administrator Reports (copies on file)

-Principal Matocha stated she started the school year with a BBQ/Back to School evening with 74% of the students and 100% of the staff attending. Classes are going well to date. There is an increase of 4% for enrollment for a total of 174 to begin the year.

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-Principal Rojas had 86% (280 of 325) of the students and their families attend open house this year and four teachers had 100% student attendance.

-Principal Sticka thanked the High School teaching staff for their flexibility during inservice week and patience the first week of school. They were getting settled after the construction was completed and moving in classrooms while participating in inservice days and prepping for students.

-There are seven high school foreign exchange students this year.

-Homecoming is October 14th.

b. Maintenance Report

We received the two new mini buses (#10 and #11). Bus #3 (1997 Ford) is considered surplus, is not usable for our needs, so we will sell it.

c. CTE Report

-We have a full welding class with a total of 15 beginning and advanced students.

-This year we are offering a dual credit in horticulture with Chemeketa Community College and have 25 students enrolled.

-At the Yamhill County Fair, we had 22 students show and sell their animals in the auction. The students earned nearly \$89,000 in the sales.

-The Lower Willamette District Leadership Camp is being held September 23rd and 24th at Camp Tapawingo. There are 6 FFA Officers attending.

-There are three full classes of cabinetry (42 students), one packed woodturning class (18 students), a full class of advanced woodturning (14 students) and a senior capstone class (9 students).

-Construction has 31 students across two classes, 16 are taking Trades 2 and 15 students are in the new digital design and manufacturing class learning how to use the CNC and Lasers.

-Amity's CTE program was honored by Team Oregon Build for building the first cottage. It was transported to Southeastern Oregon to help a rancher who lost his house in a wildfire.

d. Superintendent Report

-We will have a transportation audit this year.

-The new staff orientation was the last week of August.

-The first week was stressful for the 1965 wing teaching staff as they were still finishing the remodel and moving back into their rooms.

-We are waiting for the engineers to reevaluate the boiler room trusses.

-The roof of the 1965 wing; discussion around dealing with the joints and the concern regarding ways for water to leak in. We have had no issue since 1965 so far but clarification is needed for the liability issue after construction is completed.

IV. Business

a. Old Business

1. Second Reading Board Policy

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

There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to approve the second reading of board policy LBEA, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

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b. New Business

1. Overnight Trips (Fall Outdoor School, FFA District Leadership Camp)

Outdoor School is scheduled for October 9th and 10th. FFA Leadership Camp September 23rd and 24th.

There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the Fall Outdoor School and the FFA District Leadership Camp, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

2. Pickleball Court Bids (court surface, nets, fencing)

Paving is being done this week. The Board reviewed the bids.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to accept the bid from Pacific Ace LLC for the court surface and nets, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to accept Mike's Fence Center for fencing, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

a. Minutes from the August 7, 2024, Regular Board Meeting

b. Adoption of 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)**

c. New Hires

Naomi Cruickshank and Mary Ann Elmore

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

VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, Tim Haarsma adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:25 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent