

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
FIRST BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 7, 2025 6:30 PM
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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.

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:35 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Budget Committee Members:

Amanda Christensen, absent
Janice Drader
Ashley Hinchman
Steve Vanderzanden

Administrators Present:

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

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

II. Election of Budget Committee Officers

A. Appointment of Budget Committee Member

Motion by Ryan Jones to appoint Ashley Hinchman to the Budget Committee, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

B. Chairperson

Steve Vanderzanden volunteered to be the Budget Committee Chairperson. The **vote** was unanimous.

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C. **Vice-Chairperson**

Janice Drader volunteered to be the Budget Committee Vice Chairperson. There were no other nominations and the **vote** was unanimous.

III. **Budget Review**

A. **Superintendent's Message**

Superintendent Clark read the Budget Message and reviewed the proposed budget document.

Highlights of discussion items included:

- The budget document was built on the assumption of a \$17,446,217 beginning fund balance of which the general fund assumed on a \$2,300,000 beginning fund. Fund transfers are as follows: \$75k to Vehicle Replacement; \$63,040 to Capital Improvements; \$80k to Food Services.
- Current bond project budgeting of \$11,540,000.
- Discussion explaining FTE, supplies expenditures, and special programs for each fund including General, Miscellaneous State Grants, Federal Grants, Debt Service, Vehicle Replacement, Tech Replacement, Capital Improvement, Food Service, Scholarship, Student Body, and Community Funds.

B. **Questions and Comments**

All questions were reviewed and answered during the discussion of the budget review.

IV. **Set another meeting date or make a motion to approve the proposed 2025-2026 Budget, approve the permanent tax rate and approve the taxes to be levied for bonded debt.**

Motion by Ashley Hinchman to approve the 2025-2026 Amity School District 4J proposed budget in the amount of \$35,829,848, approve the permanent property tax rate of \$4.7796 per thousand of assessed valuation, and approve \$1,630,000 of taxes to be levied to repay the District's 2025-2026 bonded debt payments (excluded from the limitation), **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. **Adjournment**

Budget Committee Chair, Steve Vanderzanden, adjourned the meeting at 7:57 p.m.


Tim Haarsma, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent