

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
JANUARY 8, 2026, THURSDAY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 PM
Live link located at: www.amity.k12.or.us > School Board

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:

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

Administrators Present:

Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal
Kevin Blanco, Sped Director

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present:

None

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrative Reports-copies on file

Elementary School:

- Fall conferences were well attended by both parents and students.
- 84 students are enrolled for tutoring.
- Winter assessments and two sessions of afterschool clubs begin January 12th.

Middle School:

- January is School Board Appreciation Month; Thank you Board Members!

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-The Middle School Leadership will host Family Winterfest on Friday, January 9th. It will provide opportunities for the students to grow their skills in communication, organization, teamwork, leadership, problem-solving, and community engagement, while strengthening connections between our schools and families.

-Middle School students will be studying a unit on Family Life and Sexual Health later this month.

Amity High School:

-Accurate reporting for the 2024-2025 school year would show an on-time graduation rate of 90%.

-Finals week is the last week of January.

B. CTE Report (copies on file)

-In December, CTE students packed 18 tons of food that were delivered to the Amity Assembly of God Church.

-Woods and Manufacturing classes will be attending the Oregon Logging Conference in February.

-Agriculture classes are shifting from agriculture communication to basics of plant science and will begin planting in the greenhouse.

-Agriculture Mechanic students will be learning about irrigation and small engines.

C. Maintenance (copies on file)

-The new covered play area had a large amount standing water and the issue will be eliminated.

-A large tree fell behind the old middle school with no damage. It will be removed after the ground dries out in that area.

D. Financial Report (copies on file)

Fund analysis and grant reports were provided and reviewed.

E. Superintendent Report

-Extracurricular activities create improved academic performance and student behavior; It is important that these programs and clubs are not eliminated.

-The district counseling staff did an excellent job coordinating support and responding to the loss of a community member.

-Kudos to Tashi Haarsma for doing a fantastic job ensuring athletics run seamlessly while also managing nursing duties.

-Bids for the district office building will be presented at the next board meeting.

-The humidity issue affecting the floor in the new gym has been resolved through the HVAC adjustments.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

a) None

B. New Business

a) **Middle School Address**

Required for fire services and safety. Proposed address to be 503A Oak St.

There was a **motion** by Amanda Grove to approve the new middle school address, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

b) **Resolution #1 Budget Appropriation Amendment**

The state legislature approved an Employer Incentive Fund (EIF) to provide matching deposits for employer contributions into PERS side accounts to prepay Unfunded Actuarial Liability (UAL) This program improves overall system funding and helps stabilize school budgets. Participating employers realize cost savings through future rate adjustments and receive an EIF match equal to 25% of their deposit.

Ray Bottenberg **motioned** to approve Resolution #1 Budget Appropriation Amendment, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

c) **2024-2025 Audit Report**

There was a **motion** to accept the 2024-2025 Audit Report by Ryan Jones, **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

d) **SIA Grant Agreement**

There is a SIA statute requiring presentation and Board approval.

There was a **motion** by Ray Bottenberg to approve the SIA Grant Agreement #39145, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

e) **In-ground Irrigation for High School Soccer and Football Fields**

Tabled.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the November 12, 2025 Regular Board Meeting

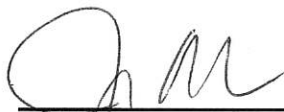
B. Resignation(s)

Jennifer White effective 6/12/25.

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

VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, Jennifer Leppin, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:00 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent