

**AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
JUNE 24, 2026, WEDNESDAY
BUDGET HEARING AND 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.

BUDGET HEARING

I. Call to Order

The budget hearing was called to order at 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Jessica Rojas, Elementary School Principal
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal
Kevin Blanco, Special Ed Director

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present: Ryan Hartzell, Hagan Hamilton

II. Superintendent Update

Superintendent Clark stated there were no other changes or recommendations to the original proposed budget.

III. Questions/Comments

None

IV. Adjourn Budget Hearing

The budget hearing adjourned at 6:32 p.m.

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REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m.

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

Elementary School and Middle Schools:

-Spring data for Reading; Math, Science, Attendance, and Behavior were presented.

High School:

-9th Grade on Track shows 75 – 77% of current 9th grade is on track to graduate on time. The high school will be focusing on improving that percentage.

-FFA hosted an amazing banquet with many students, alumni and community partners attending.

Thank you to Laycee Grauer and students who assisted with the organization.

-Senior Awards Night was held in the new gym with the largest amount of scholarships ever being awarded.

-High School graduation had 74 students graduating.

-New teachers next year are Jesse Taub (ELA); Scott Wardwell (Personal Finance/Career Pathways)

-Throughout 2026-27 school year students may not participate in, or attend school sponsored activities, when it has been determined that they are not in “Good Warrior Standing”, which means they must demonstrate sufficient efforts and responsibility in academics, attendance, and conduct. They must be passing five classes (advisory period included); on-track to graduate (per credit achievement); maintain a 90% overall attendance rate or higher; and have no incidents of being assigned in-school or out-of-school suspension.

Special Education:

-A teacher has been hired (Tamara Talavera)

B. Maintenance Report -copy on file

-CJ Hansen will be repairing the high school A/C units that serve room 301 and 302 that had a line leak.

-The soccer field lights are on schedule to be installed.

-There are several projects scheduled during summer break.

C. Financial Report - copies on file

-The District estimates at this time for a General Fund Balance of \$1,617,645.

-There is a need to transfer an estimated \$104,000 from the general fund to food service.

-The Bridge program fund balance is estimated to be \$12,678.

D. Superintendent Report

-Interdistrict Transfers are trickling in and seven this week have been signed.

-The district office construction project progresses with completion expected approximately mid-August.

-Summer projects have begun.

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IV. Business

A. Old Business

a) Second Reading Board Policies

- a. BDDG – Recordings and minutes of Board Meetings (Highly Recommended)
- b. CBG - Eval. of the Superintendent (Required)
- c. EBB - Integrated Pest Management (Required)
- d. GBA – Equal Employment Opportunities (Required)
- e. GBN/JBA – Sexual Harassment (Required)
- f. BDDG – Minute of Board Meetings (Delete)

Tim Haarsma **motioned** to approve the second reading of the Board Policies as listed, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

B. New Business

a) Approve the District Insurance Carrier and the Proposed 2026-2027 Rate (PACE)

Ryan Hartzell, Hagan Hamilton, provided an overview on insurance pricing and stated our increase is only 10.43% overall which is much lower than the original estimate of 13%. Continued this year, the primary reason is the increase in claim activity and record payouts related to sexual abuse and molestation claims, commonly referred to as “SAM” claims and weather incidents including water damage.

There was a **motion** by Tim Haarsma to approve the District Insurance Carrier and the Proposed 2026-2027 rates (PACE and SAIF), **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

b) 2025-2026 Board Resolution #2-Adopting the Budget for 2026-2027, Imposing the Tax and Categorizing the Tax on the 2026-2027, Adopting Appropriations for 2026-2027

Discussion: The budget total is \$ 29,184,456.

Motion by Ray Bottenberg to adopt the 2025-2026 Board Resolution #2-Adopting the Budget for 2026-2027, Imposing the Tax and Categorizing the Tax on the 2026-2027, Adopting Appropriations for 2026-2027, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

c) 2025-2026 Budget Resolution #3 – District Designations for 2026-2027

Discussion: Required per local budget law.

Motion by Tim Haarsma to approve the 2025-2026 Board Resolution #3 District Designations, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

d) 2025-2026 Budget Resolution #4-Transfer of Appropriations Amendment (if needed)
Not needed.

e) First Reading Board Policies

- a. GCBDD/GDBDD – Sick Time (Highly Recommended)
- b. GCBDD/GDBD – Sick Leave (Optional)
- c. BC/BCA – Board Organization (Optional)

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There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the first reading of listed policies, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

f) Elementary School Landscaping Bids

Three bids received: C&D Landscape Services Co - \$24,122; E and A Solutions LLC - \$48,650; GT Landscape Solutions - \$16,627.24

Motion by Ray Bottenberg to choose C& D Landscape Service Co in the amount of \$24,122, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

Added g) Licensed Bargaining Agreement

	<u>2026/2027</u>	<u>2027/2028</u>	<u>2028/2029</u>
-Salaries	2.5%	2%	2.5%
-Insurance	\$1,700	\$1,775	\$1,840
-Opt-Out	\$ 835	\$ 870	\$ 910

There was a **motion** by Tim Haarsma to approve the Licensed CBA, **second** by Ryan Jones.

Vote: Yes – Amanda Grove, Tim Haarsma, Ryan Jones, Jennifer Leppin,
Abstain: Ray Bottenberg

Added h) Press Box
Tabled

V. Consent Agenda

a) Minutes from the May 13, 2026, Regular Board Meeting, Minutes from the May 20, 2026, First Budget Committee Meeting.

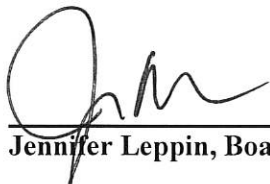
b) New Hire

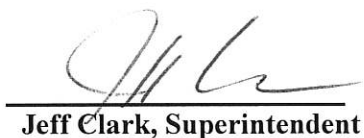
Tamara Talavera - HS Special Ed Teacher

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

VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, Jennifer Leppin adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:58 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent