

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
MARCH 11, 2026 WEDNESDAY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 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.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:01 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: Dr. Jessica Howard, CCC College President; Dr. Birgitte Ryslinge, CCC Board Member

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrative Reports-copies on file

Elementary School:

- Reviewed semester one attendance and behavior incidents by grade level.
- Staff shout-out to the third-grade team for developing a "Maker's Market," where students create and sell goods or services to peers as a culminating activity for their study of economics.
- Appreciation also goes to the yearbook committee for their efforts in helping our school celebrate its semiquincentennial.

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Middle School:

- Behavior update: An increase in discipline incidents has been recorded and staff is reviewing data and refining response strategies.
- State testing is scheduled from April 20 through May 14.
- Preparations are underway for student transitions (grades 5 to 6 and 8 to 9), including behind-the-scenes staff coordination and face-to-face student and family centered meetings.

Amity High School:

- Mundana Vrell organized mock interviews for 11th and 12th grade students involving about 21 interviewers, from both within the school and the broader community.
- May Day will be celebrated in the new high school gym May 1.
- Congratulations to OHSET for their strong performance at their competition.
- Job well done to our Girls' Basketball on winning back-to-back championships.
- School forecasting and state testing will take place after Spring break.
- The AHS Band and Choir Concert will be held April 2 at 6:30 PM.

Special Education:

- The district is currently hiring a Special Education Teacher and Instructional Assistant at the high school.
- Transitioning from the Mandt system to Ukeru, which places stronger emphasis on verbal de-escalation and proactive strategies to support students when they become dysregulated.

B. CTE Report (copies on file)

- Students in the cabinetry and advanced turning classes are currently working on projects for the Amity Education Foundation auction.
- The woodturning class is completing its applied study of wood and water interactions.
- Students in the Senior Capstone course is finishing their wood bending unit.
- The construction trades class has begun building another 8'x12' cottage in partnership with Yamhill County Workforce Development.

C. Maintenance (copies on file)

- New gutters were installed at the high school along the north hallway by the library.

D. Financial Report (copies on file)

- Fund analysis and grant reports were provided and reviewed.

E. Superintendent Report

- Professional development on Siletz history will be conducted on March 13 via Zoom with certified staff, providing valuable cultural and historical insights.
- The Wide-Open Spaces professional development for current and aspiring administrators is scheduled for April 12-14 at George Fox, which is hosting the event free of charge this year.
- The district is currently reviewing the Student Investment Account (SIA) funds projected to remain unspent and is actively gathering staff input to determine needs that will support high-level performance across the district.
- Construction of the new district office has begun.

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IV. Business

A. Old Business

- a) None

B. New Business

a) **Chemeketa Community College (CCC)-Information only**

Dr. Jessica Howard and CCC Board Member Dr. Birgitte Rysling expressed their appreciation to the Board and shared information regarding the cost of attendance as well as data on Amity's graduates who have attended Chemeketa Community College (CCC).

For the 2023-2024 graduating class, 30.6% of students enrolled at CCC within the first year after high school, including those entering trades programs. Over the past five years, 85 students had completed a certificate or degree, or have transferred to a four-year college or university.

CCC is also completing its first academic workforce project focused on medical lab programs, including medical assisting, phlebotomy, and emergency medical services.

b) **Boys Volleyball Cooperative with Western Christian**

There are not enough boys interested in volleyball for an Amity team. For those boys that are interested, Western Christian has agreed to co-op with Amity School District. Students must provide their own transportation and pay their own fees.

Ryan Jones **motioned** to approve the Boys Volleyball Co-op with Western Christian, **second** by Amanda Grove. The **vote** was unanimous.

c) **Elementary School Boiler Bids**

Tabled at this time.

d) **Overnight Trip – Camp Morrow**

Mary Matocha requested approval for the overnight trip May 27th-29th to Camp Morrow, Wamic, OR for the promoting of eighth graders from May 27th-29th. Bailey Olson will get his certification for open water lifeguard so the students will have the ability to swim there.

Amanda Grove **motioned** to approve the Camp Morrow trip May 27th-29th, **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Consent Agenda

A. Minutes from the February 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting

B. Resignations

Jennifer White; Jami Sims; Melissa Taylor

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

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VI. Adjourn

Board Chair, Jennifer Leppin, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:03 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent