

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
FIRST BUDGET COMMITTEE MEETING
WEDNESDAY, MAY 20, 2026 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 6:31 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Budget Committee Members:

Amanda Christensen
Janice Drader
Ashley Hinchman
Nicole Slegers, absent
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. Chairperson

Tim Haarsma nominated Amanda Christensen to be the Budget Committee Chairperson, second by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous.

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B. 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 \$9,944,580 beginning fund balance of which the general fund assumed on a \$1,700,000 beginning fund. Fund transfers are as follows: \$75k to Vehicle Replacement; \$95,000 to Capital Improvements; \$80k to Food Services.
- Current bond project budgeting of \$3,560,000.
- 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

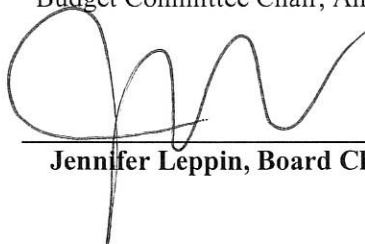
All questions were reviewed and answered during the discussion of the budget review.

IV. Set another meeting date or make a motion to approve the Proposed 2026-2027 Budget, approve the permanent tax rate and approve the taxes to be levied for bonded debt.

Motion by Ashly Hinchman to approve the 2026-2027 Amity School District 4J proposed budget in the amount of \$29,184,456, approve the permanent tax rate of \$4.7796 per thousand of assessed valuation, and approve \$1,700,000 of taxes to be levied to repay the District's 2026-2027 bonded debt payments (excluded from the limitation), second by Amanda Christensen. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. Adjournment

Budget Committee Chair, Amanda Christensen, adjourned the meeting at 7:29 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair



Jeff Clark, Superintendent