

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
503 OAK ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
APRIL 8, 2026 WEDNESDAY
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 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.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting 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
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal
Kevin Blanco, Sped Director

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present:

II. Hearing of the People

None

III. Reports

A. Administrative Reports-copies on file

Elementary School:

- Kindergarten students completed their science unit study of forces by constructing a pinball machine. They were able to demonstrate how to make it move long and short distances, and change directions.
- The reading specialists started a schoolwide "buddy reading" program which pairs older students with younger students (Peer-Assisted Learning Strategies or PALS). It is designed to improve student reading skills, specifically fluency, decoding, and comprehension.
- Survival swim had 94% third grade students participate and was highly supported by parent volunteers.

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Middle School:

- There are field trips scheduled in the near future including the 8th grade trip to Camp Morrow.
- The Rock-A-Thon is April 9th.
- Conferences are scheduled for April 14th and April 16th.

Amity High School:

- The end of the third quarter is April 9th.
- Student forecasting for the 2026-27 school year was completed April 3rd. The master schedule is being created to meet those requests.
- For 2026-27 we hope to have five or six advanced placement (AP) classes. If students complete and score high enough on the AP exam, they are awarded college credit.
- John Stearns will be leading summer school this June and portion of July.

Special Education:

- The high school team is currently reviewing graduation pathways to ensure IEP seniors are on track to meet credit requirements and prepared for graduation. Students who receive a modified diploma “may” remain eligible for services through age 21 if they qualify for special education.

B. CTE Report (copies on file)

- Manufacturing projects are reaching completion for the upcoming Amity Education Foundation banquet & auction.
- Jake Strouther, owner of Houla Creek Development, assisted with the plumbing for the Team Oregon Build cottage.

C. Maintenance (copies on file)

- An air quality test was scheduled for April 3rd in response to a concerned parent. Test results will follow.

D. Financial Report (copies on file)

- Fund analysis and grant reports were provided and reviewed.

E. Superintendent Report

- Summer projects are currently being scheduled.
- An additional freezer for the elementary school is on this agenda for approval to accommodate increased commodity storage needs.
- The cost of the new high school flagpole at the sports fields will be offset by a \$4,500 donation from Class of 2025.
- Installation of football and soccer field lighting along with irrigation for the football field, is being scheduled.
- Construction of the new district office building is underway, with wall installation in progress.
- The district is in the process of hiring:
 - 2.5 FTE elementary teachers
 - 1 FTE high school special education teacher
 - 1 FTE high school language arts teacher

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- Administrators will attend *Wide Open Spaces* professional development hosted by George Fox University April 12th-14th.
- Kevin Blanco is updating the district's Emergency Plan, in incorporating coordination with law enforcement and emergency personnel.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

a) None

B. New Business

a) Elementary School Sidewalk Bids

Rich Parr – \$11,774

Haworth-\$15,177

GPEC-\$25,500

Ray Bottenberg **motioned** to approve the Rich Parr bid, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

b) Elementary School Stucco Bids

Stucco & Exteriors LLC-\$22,230

Dream Plastering and Stucco-\$48,350

Elegant Enterprises-Option 1- \$27,324, Option 2- \$49,8925

Recommending doing the wall removal and replace versus a patching method.

Ryan Jones **motioned** to approve the Dream Plastering and Stucco bid, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous.

c) Elementary School Walk-in Freezer Bids

Rich Par – \$93,500

Hollmeyer-\$96,675

Central Mechanical, LLC-\$116,500

These bids do not include electrical or the slab.

Tim Haarsma **motioned** to approve the Rich Parr bid, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

d) High School Sports Flagpole Bids

Holland Custom Fabricators-\$10,783.20

FF Manufacturing, Inc-\$16,570

Flagpoles Etc-\$18,136.96

Ray Bottenberg **motioned** to approve the Flagpoles Etc bid totaling \$15,922.96 which excludes the beacon external revolving standard spindle truck gold 8" 12, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

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e) **Amity Community Preschool Request**

Nichole Slegers, ACP President and ACP Board Member requested consideration for the use of the former District Office building as a preschool space for children ages 18 months to 3 years old.

Tim Haarsma **motioned** to approve the former District Office building to be used as a preschool space for children 18 month to 3 years old after it becomes available in Fall of 2026 **second** by Ray Bottenberg. The **vote** was unanimous.

V. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Minutes from the March 11, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

B. **New Hires**

None this month.

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

VI. **Adjourn**

Board Chair, Jennifer Leppin, adjourned the regular board meeting at 7:20 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair

Jeff Clark, Superintendent