

AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
503 OAK ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
MAY 13, 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 6:30 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:

- Spring conferences had 87% of our families attending.
- State testing for 5th grade had a 91% participation compared to 81% last year.
- State testing for 3rd grade had 95% participation.
- Afterschool clubs have a high level of engagement for students.
- Kindergarten "Round-up" had a lower turnout this year (fewer than 20 families)
- Summer tutoring is being planned for four weeks between July-August.
- Roth's made customized cakes for the carnival that had our school logo. (Very popular)

Middle School:

- Attendance has increased to a positive level.

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- Science had 28% of students meet state levels compared to 15% last year.
- Continued work between Middle School and High School teams to improve coordination, communication, and any emerging concerns between the two buildings.

Amity High School:

- 101st May Day was fantastic and a big shout out to all students and staff for a wonderful presentation.
- State testing was completed including the AP exams.
- Senior speeches are scheduled for May 15th.

Special Education:

- There is one special education teaching position open.
- Staff is engaged in targeted professional development to address identified compliance gaps in IEP development.

B. CTE Report (copies on file)

- Senior capstone students are finishing portfolio builds.
- The two 8'x12' cottages the construction trades students constructed were picked up the state for use in disaster relief with the State Fire Marshall.
- Thank you to Laycee Grauer for assisting with FFA while Stephanie Ayres (Breazile) is enjoying her new addition to her family.

C. Maintenance (copies on file)

- The water issue in the blue gym continues to be evaluated and addressed with the assistance of insurance personnel and other experts. The moisture in the floor and wall will be monitored over the next six months as they continue to dry. The location of concern is underneath the bleachers.

D. Financial Report (copies on file)

Financial and grant reports were provided and reviewed.

E. Superintendent Report

- Superintendent Clark is meeting with the Sheriff's Department for a discussion around the use of the old Middle School.
- Reviewing applicants to fill the current Special Education teacher opening
- Arcadis Engineering will be in our new building to do photography for promotional material.

IV. Business

A. Old Business

- a) None

B. New Business

- a) **High School Plasma Table Duct Work**
Salem Heating & Sheet Metal - \$13,685
Santiam Heating & Sheet Metal, Inc. - \$19,250
RLSM Inc. - \$19,543.27

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Ray Bottenberg **motioned** to approve the Salem Heating & Sheet Metal bid for \$13,685, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous.

- b) **Elementary School Landscaping**
Tabled
- c) **First Reading Board Policies**
 - a. BDFDG – 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 Meeting (Delete)

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

V. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Minutes from the April 8, 2026, Regular Board Meeting**

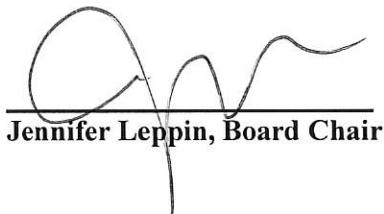
B. **New Hires**

Scott Wardwell, Nicole McShane (.5), Rachel Noordam, Sophie Robinson, Jesse Taub

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 6:57 p.m.



Jennifer Leppin, Board Chair



Jeff Clark, Superintendent