

**AMITY SCHOOL DISTRICT 4J
807 S TRADE ST.
AMITY, OR 97101
WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20, 2023
REGULAR BOARD MEETING 6:00 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.

REGULAR BOARD MEETING

I. Call to Order

The regular meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Board Members Present:

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

Administrators Present:

Jeff Clark, Superintendent
Mary Matocha, Middle School Principal
Jessica Rojas, Elementary School Principal
Ryan Sticka, High School Principal

District Staff Present:

Ann Adams, Board Secretary

Others Present: Melissa Jensen; Skip Hamilton/HMK; Paul Daquilante/News Register

II. Hearing of the People

Melissa Jensen asked the Board Members several questions regarding Special Education.

III. Reports

A. Administrator Reports - copies on file

-Principal Jessica Rojas stated the front office construction is complete and looks amazing; the elementary modular has been delivered; and the intercom system and new clock is being installed at the elementary school.

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-The elementary library is unavailable due to furniture and other storage waiting to be moved into the new modular so the classrooms have been utilized for science/library time.

-Approximately 320 students are enrolled K-5.

-The elementary staff and students are preparing for Fall Outdoor School, October 11th-12th.

-Principal Mary Matocha mentioned there has been a strong start to school with a 4% enrollment increase overall.

-Middle School sports are busy developing the football, volleyball, soccer, and cross-country teams.

-Upcoming events include QPR Suicide Prevention and Awareness Staff Training September 22nd.

-High School Principal Ryan Sticka reviewed new staff and beginning of the school year activities.

-The High School T.A.G. period will be kept this year with 25 minutes per day for support for students.

-Upcoming high school events scheduled are Ground Breaking Event for the New Middle School Building and High School Gym September 29th at the high school; and Homecoming Week October 2nd-7th. The Serpentine Parade is 2 p.m., Oct 5th.

B. Maintenance Report

-All the buses have been serviced this summer. Bus #2 had metal shavings in the oil and will have a new engine installed.

-The irrigation pump was replaced along with the pipe.

C. CTE Report

-Manufacturing classes are growing. The classes will be touring many local companies including Zena Forest Products, Luthier Production, and Solid Form to see the “real world” work in action. A goal this year is to have participation in the gallery showcase for Woodturners’ International Symposium in Portland this year during May 2024.

-There are new class offerings this year: animal science, with 22 students enrolled; a welding class with 18 students enrolled; Middle School Ag class with 20 students; an advanced AG class with 14 students and two Intro to AG classes with 42 students. FFA classes will move the greenhouse waterline(s) and get the hydroponics systems running.

-Construction Trades II class currently has two students and the Trades I class has about the same number of students as last year.

-The construction classes used the school’s sawmill to cut walnut and pine 2x material for use in the shops. One log yielded approximately 310 board feet of 2” thick by 17” wide walnut boards that would cost at least \$1,300.

-Trades II students are rebuilding and repairing the school solar kiln to dry the material. Jed McMullen will come in next week to talk about solar power for the fans in the kiln.

D. Superintendent Report

-The new fueling stations are being reviewed for the installation, along with the additional hardware and software for monitoring/billing. There is a 1K gal. diesel tank and a 500 gal. unleaded gas tank.

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-Skip Hamilton, HMK, discussed the reason for sole source as we look for options to save money. Sole source allows for standardized systems to minimize spare parts costs and aids in consistent training.

IV. **Business**

A. **Old Business**

a. **None**

B. **New Business**

a. **Overnight Trips (FFA District Leadership Camp; Fall Outdoor School; National FFA Convention, Indianapolis, IN) (copy on file)**

Stephanie Breazile is requesting permission for the FFA Leadership Camp September 20th and 21st to be held at Camp Tapawingo in Falls City and to the National FFA Convention in Indianapolis, IN October 30th – November 5th. Jessica Rojas is requesting permission for the Elementary Fall Outdoor School Oct 11th and 12th to the coast of Newport.

Tim Haarsma **motioned** to approve all three overnight trips, **second** by Ryan Jones. The **vote** was unanimous. Amanda Grove was absent.

b. **Sole Source Procurement Proposed Findings**

The Board heard Skip Hamilton during the Superintendent's report and reviewed the findings. There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the Sole Source Procurement (Silent Knight-fire alarm system; Avigilon/Altronix/HID/ Motorola assembly for access controls and security camera systems; Valcom for intercom system; and Tarket Powerbond for carpet floorcovering) **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous. Amanda Grove was absent.

Added c. Suicide Prevention Protocol

The Board is recommended to approve this protocol per state requirements. Laura Kohlmeyer spent many hours working on this protocol.

There was a **motion** by Jennifer Leppin to approve the Suicide Prevention Protocol, **second** by Tim Haarsma. The **vote** was unanimous. Amanda Grove was absent.

V. **Consent Agenda**

A. **Minutes from August 9, 2023, Regular Board Meeting.**

There was a **motion** by Ryan Jones to approve the consent agenda, **second** by Jennifer Leppin. The **vote** was unanimous. Amanda Grove was absent.

VI. **Adjourn**

Amanda Grove adjourned the regular board meeting at 6:46 p.m.


Ray Bottenberg, Board Chair


Jeff Clark, Superintendent