OFFICIAL MINUTES OF THE
SCHOOL DISTRICT OF AMERY BOARD OF EDUCATION
Regular Meeting | March 9, 2026

A regular meeting of the School District of Amery Board of Education convened in open session on Monday, March 9, 2026 in the Board Room located at Amery Intermediate School.

Board Members Present: President Charlotte Glenna, Vice President Steve Osero, Treasurer Larry Wojchik, Clerk Gwen Dado, and Director April Ziemer.

Administrators Present: District Administrator Dr. Shawn Doerfler, High School Principal Josh Gould, Middle School Principal Tom Bensen, Intermediate School Principal Jessica D'Ambrosio, Elementary School Principal Megan Challoner, and Director of Student Services Abbiegail Bohatta.

Board President Charlotte Glenna called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Pledge of Allegiance

Spotlight on Education
School Counselor Vanessa Mercer and members of the 2nd grade leadership team shared what it means to be a leader at Lien Elementary School.

Consent Agenda Items
Larry Wojchik made a motion to approve the consent agenda items; second by Steve Osero. Motion carried 5-0.

Administrative/Department/Committee Reports

- Administrator reports can be found at https://meetings.boardbook.org/Public/Agenda/2090?meeting=733216.
- Transportation Director Ryan Pease presented his annual report to the Board. He shared fleet data and noted that he plans to eliminate two bus routes for the 2026-2027 school year.

Informational Items

- Dr. Doerfler highlighted three measurable objectives from the district strategic plan and the work being done in the district to support them.
- The buildings and grounds committee shared an update on planned improvements at Jorgenson Fields
- Dr. Doerfler shared a budget update with the Board and community, noting that the district is facing financial challenges due to declining enrollment and decreased revenue due to the way schools are funded in the state of Wisconsin. As a result, budget reductions will take place in the coming months, including decreases in staff and adjustments to programs and services. Dr. Doerfler stated that the district will seek to preserve the strongest educational

experience within the financial realities it faces.

- The Board completed a first reading of certified and support staff handbook documents. A second reading of these documents will take place at the April 13, 2026 meeting.

Action Items

- The Board completed a second reading of policy 188: Participation in Meetings via Technology. April Ziemer made a motion to approve the policy as presented; second by Steve Osero. Motion carried 5-0.
- The Board completed a second reading of policy 426: Homeless Students. Gwen Dado made a motion to approve the policy as presented; second by Larry Wojchik. Motion carried 5-0.
- The Board completed a second reading of policy 443.5: Student Use of Cell Phones. After discussion, Steve Osero made a motion to approve the policy as presented; second by April Ziemer. Motion carried 5-0.
- Board President Charlotte Glenna led a discussion about the creation of a Finance Oversight Committee with membership to include two board members, the district administrator, the director of finance, and other participants as deemed suitable and necessary to the committee. After discussion, Steve Osero made a motion to approve the creation of the committee; second by Gwen Dado. Motion carried 5-0.
- Mr. Gould notified the Board that nine high school students have applied for Start College Now or the Early College Credit Program for the fall of 2026. Steve Osero made a motion to approve the applications; second by Larry Wojchik.
- Dr. Doerfler presented the Board with the following donations from the community:
    - $450 from Little Falls Lutheran Church to help with student lunch balances;
    - $200 from Adam Ritterpusch and Andersen Corporation for the Amery High School Student Council;
    - $1,557.48 from Amery Express generated by the Warrior gas pumps used to help send the Warrior Hockey Team to the state tournament.

  Larry Wojchik made a motion to accept the donations with many thanks; second by Gwen Dado. Motion carried 5-0.
- Dr. Doerfler presented the personnel action which had been previously discussed by the Board in closed session. Steve Osero made a motion to approve the personnel action as presented; second by Larry Wojchik. Motion carried 5-0.

New Employees	
Ryan Kerns	Custodian
Olivia Hansen	Custodian
Resignations	
Danielle Erdrich*	High School English Teacher
Rose Kuebker*	District Nurse
Reggie Schleusner	Girls Wrestling Coach
Krystal Wahl*	High School English Teacher
Retirements	
Claire Hanson*	3rd Grade Teacher
Janice Jensen*	Special Education Teacher
Tanya Julson*	3rd Grade Teacher
Samantha Montana*	Intermediate School Montessori Teacher

** Effective at the end of the 2025-2026 school year.*

Community Comments
None

Closed Session
April Ziemer made a motion to go into closed session to consider the employment, promotion, compensation, or performance evaluation data, of any public employee over which the governmental body has jurisdiction or exercises responsibility in order to take Personnel Action pursuant to Wisconsin Statute 1 9.85(1)(c); second by Larry Wojchik. Roll call, motion carried 5-0.

Adjournment
Gwen Dado made a motion to adjourn the meeting; second by Steve Osero. Motion carried 5-0. The meeting adjourned at 10:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
GWEN DADO
Clerk, Amery Board of Education