

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 29, 2019 DISTRICT MEETING PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M., 25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, CT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Belfonti, Robyn Berke, Chairperson Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Shannan Carlson, Carla Eichler, Amy Esposito, George Howard, Patrick Reed, Dr. Jennifer Turner (arrived 6:37 p.m.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Steven DeMaio, Andrea Hubbard, Sheila McCreven

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ella Marin

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Ernest Goodwin

A district meeting of Regional School District Number 5 was held at 25 Newton Road in Woodbridge, Connecticut, on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the following recommendations of the Board of Education:

**School Facilities Improvements Project**

1. That \$3,194,300 be appropriated for costs related to various improvements at Amity Regional High School, Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus, and Amity Middle School, Orange Campus contemplated to include: (a) at Amity Regional High School, replacement of the eight air handlers with combination heating/cooling units, replacement of the air handlers serving the counseling area, main gym, student street, several classrooms and cafeteria, addition of air-conditioning to the auxiliary gym, variable air volume (VAV) controls and zoning modifications in the counseling area, refurbishment of chillers, and replacement of various parking lots and driveway areas, (b) at Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus, design and installation of acoustical improvements in the cafeterias, gymnasiums and music rooms, and (c) at Amity Middle School, Orange Campus, design and installation of acoustical improvements in the cafeterias, gymnasiums and music rooms. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The District Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.
2. That \$3,194,300 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation.
3. That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to require the District and its member towns to comply with applicable federal income tax requirements for tax-exempt bonds.

4. That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.
5. That the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorization be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District.

### **Amity Regional High School Athletic Facility Improvements Project**

1. That \$3,538,000 be appropriated for costs related to various athletic facility improvements at Amity Regional High School, contemplated to include: (a) at the stadium field, replacement of the track with a post-tensioned concrete track, and installation of field lights, a scoreboard and an all-weather field, and (b) at field #3, installation of a walkway to provide access in accordance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, bleachers and a scoreboard. The appropriation may be spent for design, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The District Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.
2. That \$3,538,000 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation.
3. That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to require the District and its member towns to comply with applicable federal income tax requirements for tax-exempt bonds.
4. That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.
5. That the aforesaid bond and temporary note authorization be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District.

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

BOE Chairperson Browe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited by those present

**3. NOMINATION OF MEETING CHAIRPERSON**

MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by Robyn Berke, to nominate Christopher Browe as Chairperson of the Meeting. There were no other nominations; nominations closed.

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Chairperson Browe read the notice aloud School Facilities Improvements Project Items #1-#5 and Amity Regional High School Athletic Facility Improvements Project Items #1-#5, as listed above in the posted meeting warning notice.

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Ella Marin read a letter from a resident in favor of both recommendations.

A resident, alumnus, and present coach spoke in favor of both recommendations.

A resident, parent, staff, and alumnus spoke in favor of both recommendations.

A resident and coach spoke in favor of both recommendations.

A parent spoke in favor of both recommendations.

**5. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION by John Belfonti, Second by Amy Esposito, to adjourn the meeting*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*Meeting adjourned at 6:47 p.m.*

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Pero*

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Recording Secretary