

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 21, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., 190 LUKE HILL ROAD, BETHANY, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Belfonti, Robyn Berke, Chairperson Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Shannan Carlson, Steven DeMaio, Carla Eichler, Amy Esposito, George Howard, Andrea Hubbard, Sheila McCreven, Patrick Reed, Dr. Jennifer Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Olivia Gross, Ella Marin

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Shaun DeRosa, Kathleen Kovalik, Thomas Norton, Joseph Robinson, James Saisa, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Browe called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Board of Education Meeting – September 9, 2019

MOTION by George Howard, Second by Carla Eichler, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Board of Education Meeting – September 26, 2019

MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by Amy Esposito, to approve minutes as updated
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (DeMaio, Eichler, Howard, Esposito, Hubbard, Turner, Cardozo, Reed, McCreven)
ABSTAINED, 3 (Belfonti, Carlson, Berke)
MOTION CARRIED

4. RECOGNITION OF AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI-FINALISTS

Presented by Dr. Tracy and Dr. Byars

Chairperson Browe called meeting recess at 6:42 p.m.

Chairperson Browe called meeting back to order at 6:46 p.m.

5. STUDENT REPORT

- a. Student Presentation from Robotics Club – this agenda item was removed from the meeting
- b. Introduction of Junior Board of Education Student Representative

Ella Marin and Olivia Gross introduced Caroline Chen as Junior Board of Education Student Representative

- c. Monthly Report

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

Citizen spoke.

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2020 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Shannan Carlson, to approve 2020 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule as submitted

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

8. CORRESPONDENCE

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

Dr. Byars acknowledged Dr. Dellinger's retirement announcement.

b. Superintendent Report

Steven DeMaio publicly thanked Mr. Karroll for his generous scholarship contribution.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

1. ACES
2. CABE
3. Curriculum
4. District Health and Safety
5. District Technology
 - a. Monthly Report
6. Facilities
 - a. Annual Report
7. Policy
 - a. First Read
 1. 5141
 2. 5141.21
 3. 5131.81
 4. 6141.321
 5. 5117
8. Personnel

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9. Finance

- a. October 1 Enrollment Report
- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Award of Contract

1. HVAC

MOTION by Jennifer Turner, Second by John Belfonti, to award the replacement of Fan Coil Unit 28A in the custodial area at Amity Regional High School at the bid price of \$50,200 to Sav-Mor Cooling and Heating Inc. of Southington, CT

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

- c. To consider and act upon a resolution with respect to recommendations for an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to various improvements at Amity Regional High School, Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus and Amity Middle School, Orange Campus.

MOTION by Steven DeMaio, Second by Robyn Berke, to consider and act upon a resolution with respect to recommendations for an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to various improvements at Amity Regional High School, Amity Middle School, Bethany Campus and Amity Middle School, Orange Campus.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

- d. To consider and act upon a resolution with respect to recommendations for an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to various athletic facility improvements at Amity Regional High School.

MOTION by Amy Esposito, Second by Shannan Carlson, to consider and act upon a resolution with respect to recommendations for an appropriation and borrowing authorization for costs related to various athletic facility improvements at Amity Regional High School

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

- e. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
- f. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000

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g. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More

MOTION by Robyn Berke, Second by Patricia Cardozo, to vote on the 4 proposed budget transfers (Vo-Ag Transportation, ECA Tuition, Public-Out Transportation, and Well – Amity Middle School, Bethany) all together

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Shannon Carlson, Second by Steven DeMaio, to approve the following budget transfers:

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-14-2700-5512	Vo-Ag Transportation		\$14,500
04-12-6111-5560	Vo-Ag Tuition	\$14,500	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6117-5560	Regular-Ed Public Out Tuition		\$5,145
04-12-6111-5560	Vo-Ag Tuition	\$5,145	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6116-5510	Regular-Ed Public Transportation		\$82,000
04-12-6130-5560	Private Out Tuition	\$82,000	

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
01-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$49,500
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency - Facilities	\$49,500	

h. Other

1. Update on Financial Audit
2. Bus Contracts (Executive Session anticipated)

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by John Belfonti, to enter Executive Session to discuss Bus Contracts and invite Dr. Byars, Shaun DeRosa, and Theresa Lumas

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Executive Session at 7:57 p.m. to discuss Bus Contracts

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10. Ad Hoc School Safety

a. Update on Security (Executive Session anticipated)

Continued Executive Session at 8:47 p.m. to discuss Update on Security
Shaun DeRosa exited 9:18 p.m.
Exited Executive Session at 9:45 p.m.

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by November 9, 2019

13. ADJOURNMENT

*MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Shannan Carlson, to adjourn meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 9:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero

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Recording Secretary

RESOLUTION OF BOARD OF EDUCATION
OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NUMBER 5
(October 21, 2019)

RESOLVED, That the officers of the Board of Education and the Superintendent are authorized to cause a district meeting to be called for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in the Presentation Room of Amity Regional High School on Tuesday, October 29, 2019 at 6:30 P.M. with respect to the following recommendations of the Board, which recommendations are hereby approved:

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, note and temporary note authorization shall be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District.

FURTHER RESOLVED, That the applicable portions of the project be referred to the respective Planning and Zoning Commissions of the District's member towns for reports pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.

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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.

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FURTHER RESOLVED, That the project be referred to the Woodbridge Planning and Zoning Commission for a report pursuant to Section 8-24 of the Connecticut General Statutes.
