

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 20, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M.  
VIRTUAL MEETING

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson John Belfonti, Robyn Berke, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Shannan Carlson, Paul Davis, Steven DeMaio (arrived 6:35 p.m.), Carla Eichler, George Howard, Andrea Hubbard, Sheila McCreven, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Patrick Reed

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Ella Marin (departed 6:37 p.m.)

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Shaun DeRosa

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting – March 9, 2020

*MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve minutes as submitted*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

**3. STUDENT REPORT**

- a. Monthly Report

**4. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report

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**5. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

a. Committee Reports

1. District Technology

a. Monthly Report

2. Facilities

a. Monthly Report

b. School Closure Report

3. Finance

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Contracts over \$35,000

1. Athletic Trainer

*MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, SECOND by Steven DeMaio, to waive the bid requirement and award the athletic trainer services to Rehab Associates for \$63,633.00 for one year*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

2. Snow Removal, Ice Control and Sanding

*MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to award the snow removal, ice control, and sanding services to Denny Landscaping Ltd. of Orange, Connecticut, for July 1, 2020 to June 30, 2021, the second year of a three-year contract. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract, if Denny Landscaping Ltd of Orange, CT fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

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3. Trash and Recycling Removal Services

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Patricia Cardozo, to award year three of a three-year contract for the Trash and Recycling Removal Services to All American Waste, LLC at a price of \$38,614.98, not including extra charges for additional pickups. This is Option year three of a three-year contract totaling \$115,844.94. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract, if All American Waste, LLC fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

4. Safety Services

*MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Robyn Berke, to award year one of a three-year contract for the School Safety Services to Fuss & O'Neill of Manchester, CT at a price of \$13,450 from the State Contracting Portal*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

5. Technology Infrastructure

*AMENDMENT by Patricia Cardozo, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard, to change the wording in the motion from "at the proposed price of \$1,477,750" to "not to exceed the price of \$1,477,750."*

*VOTES IN FAVOR OF AMENDMENT, 13 (unanimous)*

*AMENDMENT PASSED*

*MOTION by Andrea Hubbard, SECOND by Sheila McCreven to award the infrastructure upgrade project to TBNG of Milford, Connecticut not to exceed the price of \$1,477,750. The District Administration will purchase \$300,000 of equipment with year-end funds and finance the remaining balance and apply e-rate credits to the payments.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Belfonti, Berke, Cardozo, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Howard, Hubbard, McCreven, Reed, Turner)*

*OPPOSED, 0*

*ABSTAINED, 2 (Browe, DeMaio)*

*AMENDED MOTION PASSED*

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

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

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Sheila McCreven, to approve the following budget transfer to cover the initial costs of the network infrastructure upgrade for the District:*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
04-12-6130-5560	Tuition – Private out	\$300,000	
05-14-2350-5731	Equipment-Replacement		\$300,000

VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)

MOTION PASSED

e. Discussion and Possible Action on Board of Education Approved Budget, Annual District Meeting, and Preparation of Explanatory Text

*MOTION by Sheila McCreven, SECOND by Robyn Berke, approve a budget for fiscal year 2020-2021 at \$50,784,509 gross and net of \$49,760,789, a 2.49% increase to be presented at the Annual Meeting (VIRTUAL) at 5:30 p.m. on Monday, May 4, 2020.*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)

MOTION PASSED

*MOTION by Sheila McCreven, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to authorize Amity Regional School District No. 5 to prepare an Explanatory Text for the Annual District Meeting: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education of Amity Regional School District No.5 is authorized to prepare, print, and distribute a concise explanatory text of the budget question which, by vote of the Board of Education, which text shall not advocate either the approval or disapproval of the question and shall otherwise be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b as revised by the Governor’s Executive Order 7C.*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)

MOTION PASSED

f. Other

1. Investment and Borrowing Information

2. Upcoming Meetings

- Public Hearing -- Monday, April 27, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. - VIRTUAL
- Annual Meeting -- Monday, May 4, 2020 at 5:30 p.m. – VIRTUAL

**6. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by May 4, 2020**

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**7. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Steven DeMaio, to adjourn meeting*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (unanimous)*

*MOTION PASSED*

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Pero*

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Recording Secretary