

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
JANUARY 8, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 pm in the Board Presentation Room at 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Thomas Hurley, Mr. John Belfonti, Ms. Robyn Berke, Mr. Christopher Browe, Ms. Patricia Cardozo, Ms. Shannan Carlson, Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Mr. Steven DeMaio, Ms. Carla Eichler, Ms. Amy Esposito, Ms. Sheila McCreven, Ms. Jennifer Turner, and Ms. Diane Urbano

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Charles Dumais, Dr. Marie McPadden, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Ms. Theresa Lumas, Ms. Kathy Burke, Mr. Scott Cleary, Ms. Anna Mahon, Ms. Mary Raiola, and Mr. Peter Downhour

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

Motion by Ms. Urbano, Second by Ms. McCreven to amend the agenda to move the STUDENT REPORT – ANANYA KACHRU, item #4, and PUBLIC COMMENT, item #5, to immediately after item #2 (PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE)

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

3. STUDENT REPORT – ANANYA KACHRU (originally Item #4)

4. PUBLIC COMMENT (originally Item #5)

Commander Lewis from Orange Post 127 of the American Legion, 630 Grassy Hill Road, Orange, stated that he is in favor of the proposed changes that the decision to bring firearms onto school campuses should be back to the level of school administrators so that they can determine case by case on an individual level whether this is an appropriate activity instead of a boilerplate ruling in all cases. Veteran's Day presentations that they present to students involve actual firearms (ex: rifles) in a safe manner and allow students to handle them and carry them and march with them, and these are important for our curriculum.

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Dr. Dumais explained to the Board of Education and all present that this pertains to Policy 1700.

5. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (originally Item #3)

Chairperson Hurley thanked the current officers for their service and recommended that they be allowed to continue in their current positions. Chairperson Hurley reminded all that when the officers have been elected, they take over the positions immediately and then handed over the meeting to Superintendent Dr. Dumais for the election of chairperson.

Dr. Dumais recited from Bylaw 9120 and Robert's Rules with regard to voting procedures. Dr. Dumais asked for nominations for Chairperson.

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to nominate Mr. Hurley as Chairperson

Motion by Ms. Esposito, Second by Ms. McCreven to nominate Mr. Browe as Chairperson

Motion by Ms. Turner, Second by Ms. Carlson to nominate Mr. Belfonti as Chairperson

Motion by Mr. Hurley to nominate Ms. McCreven as Chairperson

Ms. McCreven took her name out of consideration.

Motion by Mr. Hurley to nominate Ms. Cardozo as Chairperson

Ms. Cardozo took her name out of consideration.

Mr. Hurley, Mr. Browe, and Mr. Belfonti accepted the nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Dr. Dumais closed the nominations for the position of Chairperson.

Dr. Dumais opened voting for Mr. Hurley as Chairperson.

Votes in favor, 3 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, and Mr. Hurley)

Abstained, 10 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

NON-MAJORITY VOTE

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Dr. Dumais opened voting for Mr. Browe as Chairperson.

Votes in favor, 6 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Browe, and Ms. Eichler)

Vote against, 1 (Mr. Hurley)

Abstained, 6 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner)

NON-MAJORITY VOTE

Dr. Dumais opened voting for Mr. Belfonti as chairperson

Votes in favor, 6 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Turner)

Vote against, 1 (Mr. Hurley)

Abstained, 6 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Browe, and Ms. Eichler)

NON-MAJORITY VOTE

Mr. Hurley's name was removed from the list of candidates for Chairperson in accordance with voting procedures.

Dr. Dumais called for a vote for Mr. Browe as Chairperson.

Votes in favor, 6 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Browe, and Ms. Eichler)

Votes against, 1 (Mr. Hurley)

Abstained, 6 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Turner)

NON-MAJORITY VOTE

Dr. Dumais called for a vote for Mr. Belfonti as Chairperson.

Votes in favor, 6 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Turner)

Vote against, 1 (Mr. Hurley)

Abstained, 6 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Browe, and Ms. Eichler)

Point of Order by Ms. McCreven asking about guidelines in case of deadlock.

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Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Mr. DeMaio to table the vote until the end of the meeting.

Point of Order by Mr. Hurley that this motion only tabled the Chairperson vote until the end of the meeting, so remaining elections can continue.

Amended Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Ms. Berke to move the Election of Officers to another point on the agenda, item #11.

Votes in favor, 12 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

Vote against, 1 (Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

6. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Special Board of Education Meeting, November 21, 2017

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Ms. Carlson to accept the minutes as submitted

Votes in favor, 9 (Mr. DeMaio, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

Abstained, 3 (Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke)

MOTION CARRIED

b. Regular Board of Education Meeting, December 11, 2017

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to accept the minutes as submitted

Votes in favor, 10 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Berke, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

Abstained, 2 (Ms. Urbano and Ms. Cardozo)

MOTION CARRIED

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c. Special Board of Education Meeting, January 2, 2018

Motion by Mr. Belfonti, Second by Ms. Esposito to accept the minutes as submitted

Votes in favor, 10, (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Eichler)

Abstained 2, (Ms. Urbano and Ms. Turner)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Ms. Esposito, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to reopen the Special Board of Education meeting minutes from November 21, 2017 and add Ms. Urbano as Absent.

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

7. ENROLLMENT PRESENTATION

8. CORRESPONDENCE

None

9. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

b. Superintendent Report

https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/District_information/Superintendent's_Reports/2017-2018_Superintendent's_Reports/SuperintendentReport_January2018.pdf

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

1. ACES

2. CABE

3. Curriculum

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4. Facilities

5. Finance

a. Superintendent's 2018-2019 Budget Update

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Capital Funds Designation

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco, Second by Mr. DeMaio to approve replacing air handler units 17 and 18 at Amity High School using remaining bond proceeds.

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements

d. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000

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

Motion by Ms. Turner, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to approve the following budget transfer to cover services for the hearing impaired:

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
04-12-6117-5560	Tuition – Private	\$13,500	
04-12-2151-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$13,500

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

6. Policy

a. Draft December 18, 2017 Meeting Minutes

b. First Reading of the Following:

1. Strike (existing policies)
2. Considered but not Added (not existing policies)
 - 1316.1 – Community Relations – Relations Between Public and School – Public Conduct at School Activities (Enclosure)
 - 1316.2 – Community Relations – Civility (Enclosure)
 - 1360 – Community Relations – Awards and Scholarships (Enclosure)
 - 1500 – Community Relations – Relations Between Area, State, Regional & National Associations and the Schools (Enclosure)

- 1600 – Community Relations – Relations Between Non-Public and Other Educational Organizations and the Schools (Enclosure)
 - 1610 – Community Relations – Relations with Parochial and Private Schools (Enclosure)
 - 1620 – Community Relations – Relations with Private Schools, Colleges, and Universities (Enclosure)
3. Adopt
- 1316 – Community Relations – Relations Between Public and School Personnel (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1321 – Community Relations – Public Performances by Students (new policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1321.1 – Community Relations – Television and Radio Broadcasts (new policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1321.2 – Community Relations – Public Video Recording of Educational Activity (new policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1322 – Community Relations – Contests for Students (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1323 – Community Relations – Awards to Students (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1324 – Community Relations – Soliciting Funds from Students (new policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1325 – Community Relations – Advertising and Promotion (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1326 – Community Relations – Solicitations by Staff Members (new policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1331 – Community Relations – Smoke-Free Environment (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1340 – Community Relations – Access to School Procedures and Materials (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1350 – Community Relations – Senior Citizens' Benefits (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1411 – Community Relations – Law Enforcement Agencies (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1412 – Community Relations – Fire Department (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1430 – Community Relations – State/Federal Government – State and Federal Aid (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1531 – Community Relations – Accreditation Agencies (existing policy) (Enclosure)
 - 1700 – Community Relations – Possession of Deadly Weapons or Firearms (existing policy) (Enclosure)
- c. Second Reading of the Following:
1. Strike (existing policies)
 2. Considered but not Added (not existing policies)
 3. Adopt
 - 1313 – Community – Gifts to School Personnel/Gifts (existing policy) (Enclosure)

- **1314 – Community Relations – Fund-Raising and Solicitation (new policy) (Enclosure)**

Motion by Ms. Esposito, Second by Ms. Carlson to adopt Policy 1313 and Policy 1314.

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

7. Personnel

a. Executive Session AEA

Board members and Superintendent Dr. Dumais entered Executive Session at 8:40 pm.

Meeting reconvened at 9:20 pm.

b. AEA Bargaining Agreements Vote

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco, Second by Mr. DeMaio to accept the Teacher AEA Bargaining Agreement as presented by the Superintendent

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

8. District Technology

9. District Health and Safety

11. ELECTION OF OFFICERS (originally Item #3)

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Mr. Browe to recess for caucus by party and return at 9:40 pm

Ms. Urbano explained that she is an Independent who has participated in Republican meetings and thus chose to join the Republicans in the caucus.

Votes in favor, 7 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Browe, and Ms. Eichler)

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Meeting reconvened at 9:45 pm.

Chairperson Hurley handed over the meeting to Dr. Dumais for the election of chairperson.

Dr. Dumais called for a vote for Mr. Browe as chairperson.

Votes in favor, 7 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Mr. Browe, Mr. Hurley, and Ms. Eichler)

Abstained, 6 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Turner)

VOTE PASSED

Chairperson Browe asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, Second by Mr. Belfonti to nominate Ms. Cardozo as Vice Chairperson

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

VOTE CARRIED

Chairperson Browe asked for nominations for Treasurer.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to nominate Mr. DeMaio as Treasurer

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

VOTE CARRIED

Chairperson Browe asked for nominations for Secretary.

Motion by Ms. Esposito, Second by Ms. Carlson to nominate Ms. McCreven as Secretary

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

VOTE CARRIED

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Chairperson Browe asked for nominations for Assistant Treasurer.

Motion by Mr. Hurley, Second by Ms. Berke to nominate Ms. Cofrancesco as Assistant Treasurer

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA (originally Item #11)

- a. Potential for retirement package for risk and reward (Medicare vs. Health Insurance) presentation and discussion**
- b. Possibility of phoning into meetings**

Chairperson Browe publicly thanked Mr. Hurley for all the time and effort and planning that he has put in as transition chairperson. All applauded.

13. ADJOURNMENT (originally Item #12)

Motion by Mr. Hurley, Second by Ms. Cardozo to adjourn meeting at 9:56 p.m.

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Hurley, Ms. Urbano, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Eichler)

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero
Recording Secretary