

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
OCTOBER 18, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M., 190 Luke Hill Road, Bethany, CT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Belfonti, Christopher Browe, Shannan Carlson, Paul Davis, Steven DeMaio, Carla Eichler, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Dr. K. Sudhir, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Donna Schuster (remote, exited 8:53 p.m.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

George Howard

**STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT**

Marin Korenaga

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Peter Downhour, Kathleen Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Anna Mahon, Stephen Martoni, Dr. Marie McPadden, Joseph Robinson, Dr. Jason Tracy

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

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

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited by those present

**3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Regular Board of Education Meeting - September 13, 2021**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**4. STUDENT REPORT**

**a. Monthly Report**

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**5. PUBLIC COMMENT**

15 residents and 1 parent spoke about masks and vaccinations.

2 residents and 1 parent spoke about discrimination.

1 student and 1 parent spoke about the Day of Dialogue.

1 resident spoke about gender.

*MOTION by Steven DeMaio, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to add an agenda item for Discussion and Possible Action on Options for COVID testing of Students Prior to the Homecoming Dance at No Cost*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Steven DeMaio, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to request administration to research options for COVID testing of students prior to the Homecoming Dance at no cost*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to recess meeting*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Meeting recessed at 8:15 p.m.

Meeting resumed by Chairperson Belfonti at 8:25 p.m.

*MOTION BY Steven DeMaio, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to amend agenda to address only the following remaining items:*

- *Discussion and Possible Action on Setting 2022 Graduation Date*
- *Correspondence*
- *Chairman's Report – Committee Reports*
  - *CABE*
  - *Finance*
  - *Personnel*
- *New Business*
- *Items for the Next Agenda*
- *Adjournment*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

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**6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING 2022 GRADUATION DATE**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve June 10, 2022 as Graduation Date*  
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

**7. CORRESPONDENCE**

Summarized by Carla Eichler

**8. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**a. Committee Reports**

**1. CABE**

**2. Finance**

**a. October 1 Enrollment**

**b. Award of Contracts over \$35,000**

**1. Acoustic Panels**

*MOTION by Andrea Hubbard, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to award the acoustical improvements project for the middle schools to J and J Acoustics, at a price of \$68,095*  
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

**c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

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

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

*MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Steven DeMaio, to vote on the following at the same time:*

- *budget transfer to cover the cost an upgrade to the building controls at Amity Middle Schools, Orange and Bethany campuses*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
05-14-2600-5715	Facilities Contingency	\$26,000	
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$26,000

- *budget transfer to cover the cost to replace pipe insulation at Amity Middle School Orange*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
02-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites	\$12,000	
02-14-2600-5715	Improvements to Bldgs		\$12,000

- *budget transfer to purchase a printer for fingerprinting during the onboarding process*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
05-14-2660-5715	Improvements-Building	\$8,100	
05-14-2660-5730	Equipment - New		\$8,100

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

*MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to approve the following:*

- *budget transfer to cover the cost an upgrade to the building controls at Amity Middle Schools, Orange and Bethany campuses*

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VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

**f. Other**

**1. Capital Project Report**

*MOTION by Dr. Sudhir, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to approve the following:*

- *The implementation of the Siemens Design HVAC Control Upgrade at Amity Regional High School*
- *The purchase of 14 variable frequency drives for Amity Regional High School*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to approve the following:*

- *A transfer from remaining funds in the paving project account to the HVAC Project Account for the implementation of the Siemens Design HVAC Control Upgrade at Amity Regional High School*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
17-00-15-0050-5720	Paving	\$46,585	
17-00-15-0048-5715	HVAC Projects		\$46,585

- *A transfer from the paving line item budget for the purchase of 14 variable frequency drives for Amity Regional High School, \$53,100.*

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17-00-15-0048-5715	HVAC Projects		\$53,100

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**2. Lunch Program Update**

**3. Personnel**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to enter Executive Session and invite Dr. Byars and Theresa Lumas*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

Entered Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

- Discussion of Nurses' Contract (Executive Session)**
- Discussion of Paraeducators' Contract (Executive Session)**

Exited Executive Session at 9:09 p.m.

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**c. Possible Action on Nurses' Contract**

*MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve Nurses' Contract*  
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

**d. Possible Action on Paraeducators' Contract**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve Paraeducators' Contract*  
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

**9. NEW BUSINESS**

**10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by Oct 29, 2021**

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to adjourn meeting*  
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*  
*MOTION CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 8:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
*Pamela Pero*  
Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary