

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 8, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Belfonti, Shannan Carlson, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, George Howard, Andrea Hubbard, Patrick Reed, Dr. K. Sudhir, Dr. Carol Oladele (arrived 6:35 p.m.), Christopher Browe (departed 8:40 p.m.), Donna Schuster (remote)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Steven DeMaio, Dr. Jennifer Turner

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Marin Korenaga

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Shaun DeRosa, Brian Dower, Peter Downhour, Ernest Goodwin, Jaime Guthrie, Kathleen Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Anna Mahon, Dr. Marie McPadden, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti 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 - October 18, 2021

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Belfonti, Browe, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Hubbard, Reed, Sudhir, Schuster)
ABSTAINED, 1 (Howard)
MOTION CARRIED*

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b. Special Board of Education Meeting - November 1, 2021

*MOTION by George Howard, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Belfonti, Browe, Carlson, Eichler, Howard, Reed, Sudhir, Schuster)
ABSTAINED, 3 (Davis, Hubbard, Oladele)
MOTION CARRIED*

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Dr. Sudhir, to move DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE
ACTION ON PROVIDING ON-SITE COVID-19 TESTING WHEN REQUIRED FOR A SCHOOL-
SPONSORED ACTIVITY OR EVENT (meeting agenda item #12) to immediately follow PUBLIC
COMMENT (meeting agenda item #8)
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED*

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

Presented by Anna Mahon and Dr. Byars

6. RECOGNITION OF CIAC/NATIONAL UNIFIED SPORTS PROGRAM AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL

Presented by Paul Meingold and Anna Mahon

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THIRD QUARTER 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY REVIEW OF AMITY PENSION FUND, SICK AND SEVERANCE ACCOUNT, AND OPEB

Presented by Mike Goss, Fiducient Advisors

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

- 2 parents spoke about curriculum.
- 2 students spoke about discrimination.
- 2 parents spoke about school security.
- 2 parents gave thanks for COVID mitigation strategies and diversity, equity, and inclusion.
- 4 parents spoke about the COVID vaccination policy and Homecoming dance.

12. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON PROVIDING ON-SITE COVID-19 TESTING WHEN REQUIRED FOR A SCHOOL-SPONSORED ACTIVITY OR EVENT

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to require temperature testing at the entrance to Homecoming Dance in place of COVID-19 testing for unvaccinated students
VOTES IN FAVOR, 1 (Browe)
OPPOSED, 10 (Belfonti, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Howard, Hubbard, Oladele, Reed, Sudhir, Schuster)
MOTION FAILED

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to approve 2022 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

10. PRESENTATION OF 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

11. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. **Personnel Report**
- b. **Superintendent Report**

13. CORRESPONDENCE

Summarized by Carla Eichler

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Belfonti recognized and thanked departing Board of Education members, George Howard and Steven DeMaio, for their years of hard work and service.

Chairperson commended and thanked the remaining Board of Education members for their time, effort, hard work, and attendance at meetings.

a. Committee Reports

- 1. ACES**
- 2. Ad Hoc School Safety**
- 3. CABE**
- 4. Curriculum**
- 5. District Health and Safety**
- 6. District Technology**
 - 1. Monthly Reports**
- 7. Facilities**
 - 1. Monthly Reports**
- 8. Finance**
 - 1. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**
 - 2. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000**

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3. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfers over \$3,000

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to approve the following budget transfer to cover the cost of 10 vape sensors at Amity Regional High School:

<i>ACCOUNT NUMBER</i>	<i>ACCOUNT NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
05-15-0000-5850	Contingency	\$10,470	
05-14-2350-5730	Equipment - New		\$10,470

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

4. Other

- a. **Bond Projects YTD Budget report**

9. Policy

1. First Read

- a. **Policy 4134 – Tutoring**
- b. **Policy 4135 - Organizations/Units**
- c. **Policy 4140.2/4240.2 - Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Excluding Superintendent and Directors)**
- d. **Policy 5145.53 - Transgender and Gender Non-Conforming Youth**
- e. **Bylaw 9321 - Time, Place, Notification of Meetings**

2. Second Read

- a. **Policy 1110.1 - Parental Involvement**
- b. **Policy 3542.43 - Food Service - Charging Policy**
- c. **Policy 4131 - Staff Development**
- d. **Policy 4133 - Travel Reimbursement**

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- e. **Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance**
- f. **Policy 5113.2 – Attendance**
- g. **Policy 5131.911 - Bullying and Teen Dating Violence**
- h. **Policy 5141 - Student Health Services**
- i. **Policy 5142.4 - School Resource Officer**

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve all policies listed under SECOND READ:

- *Policy 1110.1 - Parental Involvement*
- *Policy 3542.43 - Food Service - Charging Policy*
- *Policy 4131 - Staff Development*
- *Policy 4133 - Travel Reimbursement*
- *Policy 5112 - Ages of Attendance*
- *Policy 5113.2 – Attendance*
- *Policy 5131.911 - Bullying and Teen Dating Violence*
- *Policy 5141 - Student Health Services*
- *Policy 5142.4 - School Resource Officer*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Personnel

15. NEW BUSINESS

School Climate Survey and School Security

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by November 30, 2021

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17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to adjourn meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:07 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Pero
Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary