

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 13, 2021 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., 100 Ohman Avenue, Orange, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Belfonti, Christopher Browe, Shannan Carlson, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Patrick Reed, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Dr. Carol Oladele (remote), Donna Schuster (remote), Christina Levere-D'Addio (arrived 6:38 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. K. Sudhir

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alison Bowler, Marin Korenaga

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Kathy Burke, Shaun DeRosa, Kathleen Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Karen Marren, Dr. Marie McPadden, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. SWEARING IN OF NEW BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS

Chairperson Belfonti recited the Oath of Office to Sean Hartshorn

4. ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Dr. Byars recited Bylaw 9120 and Bylaw 9121 and asked for nominations for Chairperson
MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to nominate John Belfonti for Chairperson
No further nominations for Chairperson
Dr. Byars closed nominations for Chairperson
Dr. Byars called the vote for John Belfonti for Chairperson
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
VOTE PASSED for John Belfonti for Chairperson

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Chairperson Belfonti recited Bylaw 9122 and asked for nominations for Vice Chairperson

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to nominate Patrick Reed as Vice Chairperson

No further nominations for Vice Chairperson

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to close nominations

Chairperson Belfonti called the vote for Patrick Reed for Vice Chairperson

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

VOTE PASSED for Patrick Reed for Vice Chairperson

Chairperson Belfonti recited Bylaw 9123 and asked for nominations for Secretary

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to nominate Carla Eichler as Secretary

No further nominations for Secretary

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to close nominations

Chairperson Belfonti called the vote for Carla Eichler for Secretary

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

VOTE PASSED for Carla Eichler for Secretary

Chairperson Belfonti recited Bylaw 9126 and asked for nominations for Treasurer

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Paul Davis, to nominate Dr. Jennifer Turner as Treasurer

No further nominations for Treasurer

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to close nominations

Chairperson Belfonti called the vote for Dr. Jennifer Turner for Treasurer

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

VOTE PASSED for Dr. Jennifer Turner for Treasurer

Chairperson Belfonti recited Bylaw 9127 and asked for nominations for Deputy Treasurer

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Paul Davis, to nominate Donna Schuster as Deputy Treasurer

No further nominations for Deputy Treasurer

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to close nominations

Chairperson Belfonti called the vote for Donna Schuster for Deputy Treasurer

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

VOTE PASSED for Donna Schuster for Deputy Treasurer

Chairperson Belfonti recited the Oath of Office to Christina Levere-D'Addio

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5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

a. **Regular Board of Education Meeting - November 8, 2021**

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Schuster)
ABSTAINED, 2 (Turner, Oladele)
MOTION CARRIED

b. **Special Board of Education Meeting - November 29, 2021**

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Belfonti, Browe, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Turner, Schuster)
ABSTAINED, 1 (Oladele)
MOTION CARRIED

6. **STUDENT REPORT**

a. Monthly Report

7. **PUBLIC COMMENT**

1 parent and 1 resident spoke about masks and vaccinations.
1 resident spoke about transgender.
1 parent spoke about transgender and masks.

8. **SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve 2022-2023 School Calendar as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

Summarized by Carla Eichler

11. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Belfonti announced January 31, 2022 Board of Education Special Meeting

a. Committee Reports

1. ACES
2. Ad Hoc School Safety
3. CABE
4. Curriculum

a. Discussion and Possible Action on New Course Proposals

1. African American/Black and Puerto Rican/Latino Studies
2. Exploring Technology Education
3. Structured Literacy

MOTION by Andrea Hubbard, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to approve all New Course Proposals
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Course Modifications

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1. Name Change and Length
 - from Drawing and Painting 1 Full-Year to Studio Art 1 Semester
 - from Drawing and Painting II Full-Year to Studio Art II Semester
2. Length Change
 - from Digital Art Full-Year to Digital Art Semester
3. Name Change
 - from “Honors Art and Portfolio Development” to “Studio Art III” LH
 - from “Introduction to Ceramics and Pottery” to “Ceramics I”
 - from “Advanced Ceramics and Pottery” to “Ceramics II”
 - from “Honors Ceramics and Pottery” to “Ceramics III” LH
 - from “Materials, Design, and Function” to “Arts and Metals”
 - from “Guitar and Its Role in American Music” to “Guitar: The Evolution of Rock’n Roll!”
 - from “Music Appreciation” to “Music Through Time”
 - from “AP Studio Art Drawing” to “AP Studio Art: Drawing”
 - from “AP Studio Art” to “AP Studio Art 2D Art and Design”

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to approve all Course Modifications

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

5. District Health and Safety

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6. District Technology
 - a. Monthly Report
7. Facilities
 - a. Monthly Report
8. Finance
 - a. Update of 2022-23 Budget Process
 1. Initial Budget Data and Revisions to Date
 2. Important Budget Meeting Dates
 - b. Discussion and Possible Action on Selecting Architect
 1. Lecture Hall – ARHS
 2. Outdoor Classroom Structures

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to award the architectural services project for the lecture hall, presentation room, and outdoor structures to Northeast Collaborative Architects of Middletown for \$10,000 and \$4,500 respectively, totaling \$14,500 and funded as outlined below:

The lecture hall has a basic estimate in the 5-year Capital Plan for \$110,000. Once the architectural services are complete the project will be bid and a better estimate will be available. There is \$507,844 undesignated from FY21 appropriation and \$332,587 from previous projects for a total of \$840,431 to support this request. The outdoor classroom structures have a base estimate of \$144,000 in the ARP-ESSER III budget. Once the architectural services are complete the project will be bid and a better estimate will be available.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to designate \$110,000 to the lecture hall renovation project from the existing Capital and Non-Recurring

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements

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- d. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfers over \$3,000

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve the following:

- *Additional engineering costs for the HVAC project at Amity Regional High School*
- *A transfer from remaining funds in the paving project account to the HVAC Project Account for engineering costs*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
17-00-15-0050-5720	Paving	\$10,000	
17-00-15-0048-5715	HVAC Projects		\$10,000

- *Additional concrete sections for the Athletic project at Amity Regional High School*
- *A transfer from remaining funds in the paving project account to the Athletic project Account for concrete installation costs*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
17-00-15-0050-5720	Paving	\$2,500	
17-00-15-0047-5715	Athletic Projects		\$2,500

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

- f. Other
 - 1. Bond Projects YTD Budget Report
 - 2. Audit Update
- 9. Policy
 - a. Second Read
 - 1. Policy 4134 – Tutoring
 - 2. Policy 4135 - Organizations/Units
 - 3. Policy 4140.2/4240.2 - Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Excluding Superintendent and Directors)
 - 4. Bylaw 9321 - Time, Place, Notification of Meetings

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MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to vote on all Second Read policies at the same time: Policy 4134 Tutoring; Policy 4135 Organizations/Units; Policy 4140/4240.2 Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Excluding Superintendent and Directors); and Bylaw 9321 Time, Place, Notification of Meetings

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve all Second Read policies at the same time: Policy 4134 Tutoring; Policy 4135 Organizations/Units; Policy 4140/4240.2 Compensation and Related Benefits for Non-Bargaining Unit Employees (Excluding Superintendent and Directors); and Bylaw 9321 Time, Place, Notification of Meetings

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Personnel

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

13. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by December 31, 2021**

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to adjourn meeting

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero

Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary