

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
APRIL 4, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M., 25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, CT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

John Belfonti, Christopher Browe, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Shannan Carlson (arrived 6:57 p.m.)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Carol Oladele

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Kathleen Kovalik, Karen Marren

**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. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Board of Education Regular Meeting - March 14, 2022**

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**4. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Parent spoke about poet presenter.

**5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Report**

**b. Superintendent Report**

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**6. CORRESPONDENCE**

Summarized by Carla Eichler

**7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

**a. Committee Reports**

1. **ACES**
2. **CABE**
3. **Curriculum**
4. **Discussion and Possible Action on Dissolving Ad Hoc School Safety Committee**

*MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to dissolve Ad Hoc School Safety Committee  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**5. District Health and Safety**

**6. District Technology**

- a. Monthly Report

**7. Facilities**

- a. Monthly Report

**8. Finance**

- a. **Confirm Annual District Meeting Date of May 2, 2022 and Referendum Date of May 3, 2022**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to set the District Annual Meeting Date for Monday, May 2, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Presentation Room at Amity Regional High School and Referendum on Tuesday, May 3, 2022  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

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**b. Discussion and Possible Action on Award of Contracts over \$35,000**

**1. Auditing Services**

*MOTION by Dr. Sudhir, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to award a 3-year contract to Mahoney, Sabol & Company, LLC of Glastonbury, for auditing services. The proposed 3-year contract price is \$36,120 in year 1, \$37,220 in year 2, and \$38,420 in year 3, with an option to negotiate a 2-year extension.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**2. Investment Consultant**

*MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to award a 3-year contract to Fiducient Advisors of Glastonbury for investment consulting services. The proposed 3-year contract price is \$22,500 in year 1, \$23,175 in year 2, and \$23,870 in year 3, with an option to negotiate a 2-year extension.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*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 over \$3,000**

*MOTION by Dr. Turner, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve all listed Budget Transfers over \$3,000 at the same time*

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MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio, to approve the following budget transfers over \$3,000:

- to purchase two exercise bikes at Amity Regional High School

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-11-1013-5611	Instructional Supplies	\$4,140	
03-11-1013-5731	Equipment - Replacement		\$4,140

- to bus transportation from rental for athletics

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-11-3202-5440	Rentals	\$7,000	
03-11-3202-5510	Transportation		\$7,000

- to purchase two fireproof filing cabinets

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-13-6110-5560	Tuition - Public Out	\$3,950	
04-15-1204-5111	Certified Salaries – Homebound	\$3,950	
04-13-2190-5730	Equipment - New		\$7,900

- to contract with a consultant to cover an unfilled paraeducator position

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-12-1200-5112	Classified Salaries	\$35,000	
04-13-2190-5330	Professional Technical		\$35,000

- to purchase additional music supplies in the music department at Amity Regional High School

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-11-1010-5420	Repair & Maintenance	\$3,000	
03-11-1010-5611	Instructional Supplies		\$3,000

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

**f. Capital Projects Financial Report**

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio to approve funds for the culvert and storm drain maintenance and fence at Amity Regional High School stadium

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve a transfer from remaining funds in the bond project contingency account to the stadium project account for culvert and drain maintenance and fence

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
17-00-15-0053-5715	Contingency	\$20,000	
17-00-15-0047-5720	Improvements to Sites		\$20,000

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**9. Policy**

**a. First Read**

- 1. Policy 5144.1 Restraint and Seclusion**
- 2. Policy 4148 Employee Protection**
- 3. Bylaw 9325 Meeting Conduct**

**b. Second Read**

- 1. Policy 4217.4 Dismissal/Suspension**
- 2. Policy 4222.1 Title 1 Paraprofessionals**
- 3. Policy 4250 Leaves and Vacations (recommendation to remove)**

*MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Shannan Carlson, to vote on the following Second Read policies at the same time:*

- Policy 4217.4 Dismissal/Suspension
- Policy 4222.1 Title 1 Paraprofessionals

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Paul Davis, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve the following Second Read policies at the same time:*

- Policy 4217.4 Dismissal/Suspension
- Policy 4222.1 Title 1 Paraprofessionals

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to remove Policy 4250 Leaves and Vacations*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**10. Personnel**

**8. NEW BUSINESS**

**9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by April 20, 2022**

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**10. ADJOURNMENT**

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:48 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Pero*

Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary