

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 9, 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, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Dr. Jennifer Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson, Andrea Hubbard

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alison Bowler, Marin Korenaga

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Patrick Cumpstone, Shaun DeRosa, Peter Downhour, Ernest Goodwin, Kathleen Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Anna Mahon, Stephen Martoni, Joseph Robinson, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti called the meeting to order at 6:34 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Board of Education Special Meeting - Public Hearing - April 4, 2022

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 1 (Oladele)
MOTION CARRIED*

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b. Board of Education Regular Meeting - April 4, 2022

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 1 (Oladele)
MOTION CARRIED

c. Board of Education Special Meeting - Annual Meeting - May 2, 2022

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christina Levere-D'Addio, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 6 (Belfonti, Browe, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio, Sudhir)
ABSTAINED, 5 (Davis, Oladele, Reed, Schuster, Turner)
MOTION CARRIED

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

5. RECOGNITION OF STUDENTS

a. CABE Student Leadership Awards 2022

Presented by Dr. Byars, Kathy Burke, Anna Mahon, and Dr. Tracy

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION TO CONDUCT A DISCUSSION ON STUDENT DISCIPLINARY PROCEDURES AT A FUTURE BOARD MEETING

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to Conduct a Discussion on Student Disciplinary Procedures at a Future Board Meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

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7. PUBLIC COMMENT

1 resident and 2 students spoke about the April 6th student protest
8 residents and 2 students spoke about the DEI instructional coach position
6 residents and 2 students spoke about the 2022-2023 budget
2 residents spoke about curriculum

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022-2023 BUDGET

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Dr. Sudhir, to remove DEI instructional coach position from 2022-2023 budget

VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Reed, Sudhir, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Levere-D'Addio)

OPPOSED, 2 (Oladele, Schuster)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Dr. Sudhir, SECOND by Patrick Reed, approve the budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at a 3.59% increase for a total budget of \$53,553,973 and a net amount of \$52,553,776

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Levere-D'Addio, Oladele, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Hartshorn)

MOTION CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING DATE AND REFERENDUM DATE

MOTION by Dr. Turner, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to set the District Meeting date for Monday, May 23, 2022 at 5:30 p.m. in the Presentation Room at Amity Regional High School and Referendum on Tuesday, May 24, 2022

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

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11. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON MODIFICATION TO 2022-2023 SCHOOL CALENDAR

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to approve modification to 2022-2023 School Calendar
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

12. CORRESPONDENCE

Summarized by Carla Eichler

13. PERSONNEL COMMITTEE

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on the Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent (anticipated Executive Session)

Chairperson Belfonti requested that the Board enter Executive Session to Discuss the Appointment of an Assistant Superintendent and invite Dr. Byars

Entered Executive Session at 10:20 p.m.
Exited Executive Session at 10:34 p.m.

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to Appoint Frank A. Purcaro as Assistant Superintendent
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous; Dr. Oladele not present)

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

- a. Committee Reports
 1. Finance
 - a. Presentation and Discussion of First Quarter 2022 Executive Summary Review of Amity Pension Fund, Sick and Severance Account and OPEB Trust (Informational Only)

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

1. New Awards

- Insurance Consultant
- Snow removal, ice control and sanding
- Trash and recycling removal
- Site-based grounds maintenance
- Paving – (Bond funds)
- Bethany Courtyard

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Dr. Sudhir to approve the following contracts:

- *award a 3-year contract to Brown & Brown of Connecticut, Inc, for auditing services. The proposed 3-year contract price is \$30,000 in year 1, \$30,000 in year 2, and \$30,000 in year 3, with an option to negotiate a 2-year extension.*
- *award a three-year contract for snow removal, ice control, and sanding services at Amity Middle School Bethany to Steve's Lawn and Landscaping of Bethany, Connecticut, for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025; a three-year contract for snow removal, ice control, and sanding services at Amity Middle School Orange to Denny Landscaping LTD of Orange, CT for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025; and a three-year contract for snow removal, ice control, and sanding services at Amity Regional High School to J.M. Tirollo, Inc DBA J&M Landscaping of Orange, Connecticut, for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. There is an option to extend the contract for two additional years with price negotiated in 2025. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract if any of the contractors fail to perform in a satisfactory manner.*
- *award a three-year contract for trash and recycling removal services to All American Waste of Enfield, Connecticut for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025. Bid price is \$46,693 for all three years. Extra pick-ups can be scheduled, and there is an option to extend the contract for two additional years with price negotiated in 2025. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract if All American Waste fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.*
- *award the site-based grounds maintenance program for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2025 to Sports Turf of Orange, Connecticut at the price of \$220,000, \$221,000, and \$221,500 for a three-year contract period. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract if Sports Turf of Orange, Connecticut fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.*
- *award the District-wide asphalt repair services for July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023 to Connecticut SealCoating out of Waterbury, CT*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Oladele) – or was she out of room

MOTION CARRIED

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2. Renewals

- Athletic Training
- Student Accident
- Transportation

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio, to approve the following:

- *waive the bid requirement and award the athletic trainer services to Rehab Associates for \$66,538 for one year*
- *award the Student Accident Insurance bid to H.D. Segur Insurance of Wallingford, CT for the second year of the contract for \$33,500 for Interscholastic Sports including Student Activities and \$2,910 for Catastrophic Accident Coverage*
- *extend the transportation contracts through June 30, 2027 to the current owner/operators per the prices listed below:*

<u>PROPOSED TERMS</u>	<u>2025/26</u>	<u>Inc</u>	<u>2026/2027</u>	<u>Inc</u>
<i>Full contract Price:</i>	<i>\$70,318.00</i>	<i>7%</i>	<i>\$74,185.00</i>	<i>5.5%</i>
<i>Half contract Price:</i>	<i>\$36,888.00</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>\$39,101.00</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Trips:</i>	<i>\$68.55 per hour</i>	<i>6%</i>	<i>\$72.66 per hour</i>	<i>6%</i>
<i>Late Runs:</i>	<i>6% increase on both rates</i>		<i>6% increase on both rates</i>	
<i>Price for up to 185 days of school.</i>				
 <i>Adjustment to Paragraph IV:</i>				
<i>The term of this contract shall be for a period of five (5) years beginning on July 1, 2022 and terminating on June 30, 2027 (the term).</i>				

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (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 Carla Eichler, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve:

- *the following budget transfer to cover snow removal, salting and sanding:*

<i>ACCOUNT NUMBER</i>	<i>ACCOUNT NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency - Facilities	\$10,150	
0X-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$10,150

- *the following budget transfer to cover COVID-related expenses*

<i>ACCOUNT NUMBER</i>	<i>ACCOUNT NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
05-14-2675-5613	Custodial Supplies - COVID	\$12,141.79	
05-15-2512-5220	Workers' Compensation	\$ 8,749.78	
05-14-2675-5690	Other Supplies - COVID		\$ 4,787.73
05-14-2675-5730	Equipment New - COVID		\$12,157.76
05-14-2675-5611	Instructional Supplies - COVID		\$ 3,946.08

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

f. Discussion and Possible Action on Capital Projects Change Orders and Budget Transfers

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve the change order and budget transfer for paving. A transfer from remaining funds in the bond project contingency account to the paving project Account for culvert and drain maintenance and fence.

<i>ACCOUNT NUMBER</i>	<i>ACCOUNT NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
17-00-15-0053-5715	Contingency	\$25,000	
17-00-15-0050-5715	Improvements to Buildings		\$25,000

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

g. Discussion and Possible Action on Standard Year-End Transfers

MOTION by Christina Levere-D'Addio, SECOND by Dr. Oladele, to authorize the Director of Finance and Administration to make the necessary budget transfers to salary and benefit accounts and to pay other standard charges. These budget transfers may exceed \$3,000. The Director of Finance and Administration will report all budget transfers made to the Amity Finance Committee and Amity Board of Education.

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h. Other Information Items

1. Capital Project Expenditure Report- Informational

15. NEW BUSINESS

June 2, 2022 Board of Education Recognition Ceremony at 5:30 p.m.

16. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by May 23, 2022

17. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Dr. Sudhir, to adjourn meeting

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero

Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary



Amity Regional School District No. 5

2022-2023 District Calendar



Approved V5 05.09.2022

Date	Event or Holiday
August 23	Prof. Dev. - Teachers Only
August 24	Prof. Dev. - Teachers Only
August 25	Prof. Dev. - Teachers Only
August 29	First Day of School - Students <i>Early Dismissal</i>
August 30	Students <i>Early Dismissal</i>
September 5	Labor Day - No School
September 8	Back to School Night - ARHS - Grades 9&12
September 13	Back to School Night - Middle Schools
September 15	Back to School Night - ARHS - Grades 10&11
September 22	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
September 26	Rosh Hashana - No School
October 5	Yom Kippur - No School
October 10	Columbus/Indigenous Peoples Day - No School
October 13	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
November 8	Prof. Dev. - Teachers Only
November 9	Parent Conferences - Middle Schools
November 10	Parent Conferences - High School
November 16	Parent Conferences - High School
November 17	Parent Conferences - Middle Schools
November 23	Early Dismissal
November 24, 25	Thanksgiving - No School
December 7	Parent Conferences - MS/HS - <i>Early Dismissal</i>
December 8	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
December 23	Early Dismissal
December 26-30	Holiday Recess - Christmas Eve (Obs. 12/26/22); Christmas Day (Obs. 12/27/22); New Year's Day (Obs. 12/30/22)
January 5	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
January 16	Martin Luther King, Jr. Day - No School
February 8	Parent Conferences - Middle Schools
February 9	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
February 15	Parent Conferences - High School
February 16	Parent Conferences - Middle Schools
February 20, 21	Winter Recess
March 16	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
April 7 - April 14	Spring Recess
April 27	Early Dismissal - Professional Development
May 29	Memorial Day - No School
June 7	Last Day of School - Students

August 2022 (3/3)

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September 2022 (20/23)

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October 2022 (19/42)

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November 2022 (19/61)

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December 2022 (17/78)

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January 2023 (21/99)

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February 2023 (18/117)

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March 2023 (23/140)

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April 2023 (14/154)

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May 2023 (22/176)

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June 2023 (5/181)

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July 2023 (0)

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If emergency closings extend beyond June 30, 2023, any additional days will be taken from Spring Recess, beginning with April 10, 2023. Amity Regional High School Graduation is traditionally held on the actual last day of school for students. Total Days For Students = 181; Total Days For Teachers = 185

2022-2023

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
2022-2023 BUDGET ITEMS**

POSITION	AMOUNT	% OF BUDGET INCREASE	BUDGET % INC
DEI Instructional Coach (funded 50% by Operating budget)	\$ 52,586	0.10%	3.89%
Administrative Assistant & Benefits	\$ 86,985	0.17%	3.82%
Custodian Position & Benefits	\$ 67,509	0.13%	3.86%
Security Position	\$ 37,951	0.07%	3.92%
Middle School teachers new program (2) plus benefits	\$ 157,330	0.30%	3.69%
Cybersecurity/Technician & Benefits	\$ 51,156	0.10%	3.89%
TOTAL	\$ 453,517		3.11%
Amount Needed to Reduce Budget by 1.00%	\$ 519,485		2.99%
Amount Needed Beyond Positions listed above	\$ 65,968		