

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
JUNE 13, 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, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Christina Levere-D'Addio (departed 9:38 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson, Dr. K. Sudhir

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Alison Bowler, Marin Korenaga

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Kathy Burke, Stefan Ciceron, Shaun DeRosa, Peter Downhour, Kathleen Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Anna Mahon, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Regular Meeting - May 9, 2022

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

b. District Meeting on the Budget - May 23, 2022

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

c. Special Meeting - May 31, 2022

*MOTION by Christina Levere-D'Addio, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve minutes as
submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED*

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

Chairperson Belfonti publicly thanked Alison Bowler for her service as Board of Education student representative and welcomed the new Board of Education student representative, Samuel Bae.

5. ONE BOOK, ONE AMITY PRESENTATION

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

One resident spoke about the student protest and policies.
One resident spoke about the DEI Coach position.

7. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

Dr. Byars publicly thanked Dr. Mahon for her service to Amity Regional High School and congratulated her on her new position.

b. Superintendent Report

8. CORRESPONDENCE

Summarized by Carla Eichler

9. STUDENT DISCIPLINARY DISCUSSION (Due to confidentiality of individual student records, anticipated in Executive Session)

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to enter Executive Session for Student Disciplinary Discussion and invite Dr. Byars, Kathy Burke, Dr. Mahon, and Dr. Tracy

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Executive Session at 7:19 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 9:21 p.m.

10. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Belfonti publicly thanked Dr. Mahon on behalf of the Board of Education for her guidance and leadership as principal of Amity Regional High School

a. Committee Reports

1. ACES

2. CABE

3. Communications

4. Curriculum

5. District Health and Safety

6. Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Committee

7. District Technology

a. Monthly Report

8. Facilities

a. Monthly Report

9. Finance

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Healthy Food Certification

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve the following:

- 1. Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the board of education or governing authority certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2022, through June 30, 2023. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.*
- 2. The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food sales.*
- 3. The board of education or governing authority will allow the sale to students of beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the beverages are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly*

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scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. The “school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the beverage sales.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

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

- 1. Food Service Management**
- 2. Dishwasher**
- 3. Bethany Courtyard**
- 4. Outdoor Structures**
- 5. Site-Based Grounds – corrections from May agenda**
- 6. 1:1 Devices – FY22-23 Budget**

MOTION by Dr. Oladele, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to vote on all contracts over \$35,000 at the same time

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve the following with the words, “dependent on State approval” added to item #1 below regarding Compass Group, Chartwells:

- 1. Award a 5-year contract to Compass Group, Chartwells for meal services; the management fee is \$89,024 and the administrative fee is \$24,304 in year 1 dependent on State approval.*
- 2. Purchase a commercial grade dishwasher from Warehouse Store Fixture Co for \$55,221.42*
- 3. Award the Bethany Courtyard project to Diversity Construction Group for \$62,000.*
- 4. Approve the construction of two outdoor classrooms, one at each middle school, to O’Brien and Sons at \$330,825.*
- 5. 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 incorrect prices), \$222,500, and \$225,000 for a three-year contract period. The Board*

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reserves the right to cancel the contract if Sports Turf of Orange, Connecticut fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.

6. *Fiscal Year 2022-2023: Approve the Lenovo Lease Corporation for Whalley Computer for 59,212.49 per year for 3 years for 350 devices.*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (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 of \$3,000 or More**

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard, to approve the following:

1. *the following budget transfer for Amity Middle School Bethany courtyard repairs.*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-14-2600-5410	Utilities	\$62,000	
01-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$62,000

2. *the following budget transfer for construction of the outdoor structures at the middle schools.*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6110-5560	Tuition - Public	\$98,299	
05-15-0000-5850	Contingency- General	\$96,526	
01-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites		\$158,000
02-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites		\$ 36,825

3. *the following budget transfer to Amity Middle School Bethany modular roof restoration.*

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
01-14-2600-5613	Custodial Supplies	\$14,969	
01-14-2600-5715	Improvements to Sites	\$ 1,820	
02-14-2600-5613	Custodial Supplies	\$ 7,171	
01-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$23,960

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4. the following budget transfer to begin flushing the glycol system at Amity Middle School Orange.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency - Facilities	\$56,996	
05-15-0000-5850	Contingency- General	\$43,004	
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$100,000

5. the following budget transfer to cover a refrigerator for Consumer Science classroom.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
03-14-2219-5611	Instructional Supplies	\$5,474	
03-11-1007-5731	Equipment Replacement		\$ 5,474

6. the following budget transfer to cover a homebound medical services.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-2151-5330	Professional-Technical	\$12,500	
04-13-2130-5330	Professional-Technical		\$12,500

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hubbard, Oladele, Reed, Schuster, Turner)
 ABSTAINED, 1 (Hartshorn)
 MOTION CARRIED

f. Designation of available funds in the Capital Nonrecurring Account

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to designate \$132,400 from the FY21 CNR transfer to the lecture hall project and designate \$100,000 from the undesignated funds (prior lighting project) toward a new lighting project.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
17-17-5856	Transfer Account	\$132,400	
00-15-0055-5715	Improvements to Buildings (lecture hall)		\$132,400
00-15-0099-5899	Undesignated	\$100,000	
00-15-0060-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$100,000

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
 MOTION CARRIED

g. Other

1. Capital Projects Update
2. Audit engagement letter

10. Policy

a. First Read

- 1. Policy 5000 Concepts and Roles in Student Policies**
- 2. Policy 5010 Goals and Objectives**
- 3. Policy 5111.1 Foreign Exchange Students**
- 4. Policy 5112 Ages of Attendance**
- 5. Policy 5113.2 Attendance**
- 6. Policy 6141.51 Advanced Courses or Programs, Eligibility Criteria for Enrollment**
- 7. Policy 6141.52 Challenging Curriculum Policy**
- 8. Policy 6141.5 Advanced College Opportunity**

b. Second Read

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

Policy 5144.1 Restraint and Seclusion and Policy 4148 Employee Protection are postponed until after Policy Committee review

*MOTION by Sean Hartson, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve Bylaw 9325 Meeting Conduct
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11. Personnel

a. Discussion and Possible Action on Non-Union Wages (Executive Session)

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to enter Executive Session to discuss Non-Union Wages and invite Dr. Byars

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Entered Executive Session at 10:31 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:39 p.m.

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve Non Union Wages presented to Board of Education by Dr. Byars during Executive Session

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by July 31, 2022

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Donna Schuster, to adjourn meeting

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:42 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero

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Recording Secretary