

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 24, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
6:30 p.m., 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Davis, Christopher Browe, Carla Eichler, Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D’Addio, Dr. Carol Oladele Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Amy Tirollo, Dr. Jennifer Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson, Sean Hartshorn

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Frank Purcaro, Peter Downhour

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCEPUBLIC COMMENT

Recited by those present

3. PRESENTATION OF SCHOOL CLIMATE SURVEY

Presented by Dr. Tamika LaSalle

4. PRESENTATION OF GUIDING PRINCIPLES AND GOALS

Presented by Frank Purcaro and Peter Downhour

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Limited to Items on Special Meeting Agenda

- 1 parent spoke about partisan diversity initiative
- 1 parent spoke about feedback into industry questionnaire
- 1 resident spoke about mission statement and “world” citizen and NAEP
- 1 resident spoke about bad data and “DEI” curriculum
- 1 parent spoke about DEI, CRT, school rankings, and administration
- 1 parent spoke about policy 1312 and opt-out
- 1 parent spoke about transparency
- 1 parent spoke about students
- 1 resident spoke about DEI curriculum
- 1 resident spoke about equity and racism
- 1 resident spoke about CRT and DEI
- 1 resident spoke about lack of communication, parent oversight committee, and Spartan Seminar
- 1 resident spoke about student perceptions

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6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTING STATEMENT OF EDUCATIONAL POTENTIAL

7. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned by Chairperson Davis with no objections

Meeting adjourned at 8:29 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jennifer P. Byars". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "J" and a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools