

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 14, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., 25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Davis, Christopher Browe, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Amy Tirollo, Dr. Jennifer Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson, Carla Eichler, Dr. Carol Oladele

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Samuel Bae, Marin Korenaga

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis 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 – October 17, 2022

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Browe, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Tirollo,
Turner)*

MOTION CARRIED

b. Special Meeting – October 24, 2022

*MOTION by Amy Tirollo, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Browe, Davis, Hubbard, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Tirollo, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 2 (Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio)*

MOTION CARRIED

c. Special Meeting – November 3, 2022

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (Browe, Davis, Hartshorn, Levere-D’Addio, Reed, Schuster, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 3 (Hubbard, Sudhir, Tirollo)
MOTION CARRIED*

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

5. RECOGNITION OF AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLAR SEMI-FINALISTS AND COMMENDED SCHOLARS

Presented by Dr. Byars and Andre Hauser

Chairperson Davis called meeting recess at 6:48 p.m.

Chairperson Davis resumed meeting at 6:51 p.m.

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE PROCESS TO MEET C.G.S. 10-51(c)

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Donna Schuster, to direct the Superintendent of Schools and the Director of Finance to apply the audited surplus to the end of the current fiscal year to reduce the expense of the District for the current fiscal year

*MOTION by Donna Schuster, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio, to table motion
VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (Browe, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D’Addio, Reed, Schuster, Tirollo)
OPPOSED, 1 (Turner)
ABSTAINED, 2 (Davis, Sudhir)
MOTION CARRIED*

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

One resident read letter to Board of Education from parents and residents in support of health school climate and diversity, equity, and inclusion

Two residents and one student spoke in favor of diversity, equity, and inclusion in Amity schools

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One student spoke in favor of the books at Media Center and diversity equity and inclusion efforts and position at Amity

One parent thanked Amity Middle School in Orange, teachers, administration, staff, and Board of Education for Veterans' Day observance during school day

One parent thanked Keith Smolinski, Marissa Nall, Talia Marinaccio, and Square Foot Theatre for including so many students in the production of "Matilde" at Amity Middle School in Bethany and requested lights on Amity Middle School stage be replaced

One parent thanked Board of Education for transparency regarding budget and supported diversity, equity, and inclusion in Amity schools

One resident questioned diversity, equity, and inclusion document from November Board of Education special meeting and requested DEI curriculum be removed

One residents congratulated National Merit Scholar students and praised Amity for increase in SAT for Math and ELA and supported diversity, equity, and inclusion position and programs in schools

One resident thanked Board of Education for diversity, equity, and inclusion efforts and requested clarification of what it means at Amity

8. PRESENTATION OF 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2023 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard, to approve 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

10. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report**
- b. Superintendent Report**

11. CORRESPONDENCE

12. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Chairperson Davis announced there is no DEI curriculum and no CRT curriculum being taught at Amity. He explained that administration and the Board of Education are working very hard on issues of racism and bullying and referenced "world citizen" from the Amity mission statement as teaching and working with students so they can be the best they can be. He pointed out that enrollment decrease is very common right now in many school districts and the Board and administration are looking at reasons why it is happening. He pointed out it is the parents' choice to send their children elsewhere for various reasons. Lastly, Chairperson Davis referenced adherence to policies according to Policy 0300; however, he pointed out that sometimes leeway is necessary.

a. Committee Reports

- 1. ACES**
- 2. CABB**
- 3. Communications**

Dr. Turner announced that Christina Levere-D'Addio resigned from Committee and asked for new member from Orange

- 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 Disbanding Amity Continuing Education Program**

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by K. Sudhir, to approve disbanding the Amity Continuing Education Program, identify auditorium repairs and/or enhancements to fund, and then transfer any remaining balance from the Continuing Education fund 11 to the high school drama student activities account in fund 51 after all expenses are paid

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

b. **Award of Contracts over \$35,000**

1. **Chillers**

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to award the contracts to Trane of Rocky Hill, CT for the chiller refurbishment and frequency drives for two units at Amity Regional High School at a cost of \$104,084

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Building Rental Rates**

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve the addition of the following fees to the existing list of rental charges:

<i>Custodial Charge Saturday</i>	<i>\$85/hr</i>
<i>Site Director (football)</i>	<i>\$80/game</i>
<i>Site Director (non-football)</i>	<i>\$70/game</i>
<i>Site Security – unarmed</i>	<i>\$50/hr</i>
<i>Site Security – armed</i>	<i>\$60/hr</i>

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

d. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

e. **Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers**

Under \$3,000

f. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfers over \$3,000

MOTION by Christina Levere-D’Addio, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard, to approve the following budget transfer to purchase a new scoreboard:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM
TO		
03-11-3202-5690	Other Supplies	\$4,834
03-11-3202-5731	Equipment-Replacement	
\$4,834		

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Christina Levere-D’Addio, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve the following budget transfers to cover the costs of behavioral therapists contracted with an outside agency:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM
TO		
04-12-6110-5560	Tuition – Public Out	\$77,000
04-12-6130-5560	Tuition – Private Out	\$60,000
04-13-2190-5330	Professional Technical Svcs	
\$137,000		

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Dr. Sudhir exited 8:53 p.m. and returned 8:55 p.m.

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve a transfer from the Acoustic Project account of \$100,910 to the Chiller project account to cover the costs:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM
TO		
17-00-15-0052-5715	Acoustic Project	\$100,910
17-00-15-0049-5720	Chiller Project	
\$100,910		

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (unanimous)

10. Policy

a. First Read

- 1. Policy 4112.61/4212.41 Use and Disclosure of Employee Medical Information (HIPAA)**
- 2. Policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline**

b. Second Read

- 1. Policy 5114.12 Restorative Practice**
- 2. Policy 5131.1 Bus Conduct**

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve Policy 5114.12 Restorative Practice and Policy 5131.1 Bus Conduct
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

11. Personnel

Dr. Byars announced that administrations contract negotiations are completed.

13. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE BOARD OF EDUCATION CORE VALUES

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Amy Tirollo, to adopt the Board of Education Core Values
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

14. NEW BUSINESS

15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by November 30, 2022

16. ADJOURNMENT

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*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Donna Schuster, to adjourn meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED*

Meeting adjourned at 9:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Pero
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Recording Secretary

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**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5
REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES
FOR FY 2022-2023**

		COLUMN 1	COLUMN 2	COLUMN 3	COLUMN 4	COLUMN 5	COLUMN 6	COL 7
		2021-2022	2022-2023	SEPT 22	CHANGE	OCT 22	VARIANCE	FAV
LINE	CATEGORY	ACTUAL	BUDGET	FORECAST	INCR./(DECR.)	FORECAST	OVER/(UNDER)	UNF
1	MEMBER TOWN ALLOCATIONS	50,495,238	52,349,608	52,349,608	0	52,349,608	0	FAV
2	OTHER REVENUE	130,512	114,296	180,302	0	180,302	66,006	FAV
3	OTHER STATE GRANTS	843,114	844,861	733,373	0	733,373	(111,488)	UNF
4	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	45,809	41,040	41,040	0	41,040	0	FAV
5	BUILDING RENOVATION GRANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
6	TOTAL REVENUES	51,514,673	53,349,805	53,304,323	0	53,304,323	(45,482)	UNF
7	SALARIES	27,429,916	28,830,023	28,601,104	(7,992)	28,593,112	(236,911)	FAV
8	BENEFITS	5,464,945	6,046,203	6,021,497	0	6,021,497	(24,706)	FAV
9	PURCHASED SERVICES	8,856,445	10,234,922	9,209,456	21,280	9,230,736	(1,004,186)	FAV
10	DEBT SERVICE	4,453,835	4,485,716	4,485,716	0	4,485,716	0	FAV
11	SUPPLIES (INCLUDING UTILITIES)	3,159,640	3,157,931	3,157,931	9,628	3,167,559	9,628	UNF
12	EQUIPMENT	130,141	86,552	94,848	4,834	99,682	13,130	UNF
13	IMPROVEMENTS / CONTINGENCY	340,143	308,000	299,704	0	299,704	(8,296)	FAV
14	DUES AND FEES	121,967	200,458	200,458	0	200,458	0	FAV
15	TRANSFER ACCOUNT	929,175	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
16	TOTAL EXPENDITURES	50,886,207	53,349,805	52,070,714	27,750	52,098,464	(1,251,341)	FAV
17	SUBTOTAL	628,466	0	1,233,609	(27,750)	1,205,859	1,205,859	FAV
18	PLUS: CANCELLATION OF PRIOR YEAR'S ENCUMBRANCES	83,471	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
19	DESIGNATED FOR SUBSEQUENT YEAR'S BUDGET:	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
20	NET BALANCE / (DEFICIT)	711,937	0	1,233,609	(27,750)	1,205,859	1,205,859	FAV

Column 7: FAV=Favorable Variance

Revenues: At or OVER budget, Expenditures: At or UNDER budget

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1	BETHANY ALLOCATION	8,983,609	8,918,279	8,918,279	0	8,918,279	0	FAV
2	ORANGE ALLOCATION	25,236,005	26,367,974	26,367,974	0	26,367,974	0	FAV
3	WOODBIDGE ALLOCATION	16,275,624	17,063,355	17,063,355	0	17,063,355	0	FAV
4	MEMBER TOWN ALLOCATIONS	50,495,238	52,349,608	52,349,608	0	52,349,608	0	FAV
6	ADULT EDUCATION	4,341	4,000	4,000	0	4,000	0	FAV
7	PARKING INCOME	31,146	32,400	32,400	0	32,400	0	FAV
8	INVESTMENT INCOME	4,975	5,000	15,000	0	15,000	10,000	FAV
9	ATHLETICS	26,516	24,000	24,000	0	24,000	0	FAV
10	TUITION REVENUE	44,034	25,496	85,402	0	85,402	59,906	FAV
11	TRANSPORTATION INCOME	19,500	23,400	19,500	0	19,500	(3,900)	UNF
12	TRANSPORTATION BOWA AGREEMENT	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
13	OTHER REVENUE	130,512	114,296	180,302	0	180,302	66,006	FAV
14	OTHER STATE GRANT	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
15	SPECIAL EDUCATION GRANTS	843,114	844,861	733,373	0	733,373	(111,488)	UNF
16	OTHER STATE GRANTS	843,114	844,861	733,373	0	733,373	(111,488)	UNF
17	RENTAL INCOME	23,158	18,000	18,000	0	18,000	0	FAV
18	INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVENUE	4,893	5,040	5,040	0	5,040	0	FAV
19	OTHER REVENUE	17,758	18,000	18,000	0	18,000	0	FAV
20	TRANSFER IN	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
21	MISCELLANEOUS INCOME	45,809	41,040	41,040	0	41,040	0	FAV
22	BUILDING RENOVATION GRANTS	0	0	0	0	0	0	FAV
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