# AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION NOVEMBER 28, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES 6:30 P.M., 25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, CT

#### **BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Davis, Patrick Reed, Christopher Browe, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Carol Oladele, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Amy Tirollo, Dr. Jennifer Turner

# **BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Shannan Carlson, Christina Levere-D'Addio

# STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

### STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Frank Purcaro, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Shaun DeRosa, Ernest Goodwin, Andre Hauser, Dr. Tracy

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

# 3. 2023-2024 Budget Presentations

<u>INITIAL REQUESTS 2023-2024 AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO.5 SCHOOL AND</u>

<u>DEPARTMENT BUDGETS PowerPoint Presentation PDF</u> presented by Dr. Jennifer Byars, Frank Purcaro, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Shaun DeRosa, Ernest Goodwin, Andre Hauser and Dr. Tracy

- a. Director of Finance & Administration
  - AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 FIVE YEAR CAPITAL IMPROVEMENT
    PLAN FACILITIES PDF
  - AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5REVENUES AND EXPENDITURES2023-2024 REQUESTED BUDG PDF
- b. Brown & Brown Medical Insurance Consultant
  - Jay Fiorello, Chuck Petruccione, Sidney Kedjumnong from Brown and Brown present
- c. Middle School Principals
- d. High School Principal
- e. Director of Pupil Services
- f. Director of Technology

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- g. Director of Facilities
- h. Director of Athletics
- i. Assistant Superintendent Curriculum and Staff Development

# 4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE ADOPTION OF THE RESOLUTIONS REQUIRED FOR THE HVAC GRANTS

**RESOLUTION 1:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent of Amity Regional School District No. 5 to apply to the commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the HVAC IAQ grant at Amity Regional High School for the Facilities Improvement Project.

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Dr. Turner, to approve Resolution 1 VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 2**: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Regional School District Building Committee is hereby established at Amity Regional High School, consisting of all members of the Amity Facility Committee, Patrick Reed, Christopher Browe, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler and Sean Hartshorn. Further resolved that Patrick Reed will serve as Chairperson of the School Building Committee.

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Dr. Sudhir, to approve Resolution 2 VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 3:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education authorizes at least the preparation of schematics drawings and outline specifications for the HVAC IAQ Grant at Amity Regional High School.

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Donna Schuster, to approve Resolution 3 VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

**RESOLUTION 4:** BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education adopt the Educational Specification as stated here:

# **Educational Specifications for HVAC Upgrades**

- 1. RATIONALE: The District maintains its HVAC systems to a high standard. VanZelm Engineering conducting an analysis of all air-handling units, their age, condition and recommendation for replacement conducted a study in 2016. The District has adhered to this plan over the course of 6 years to address all the HVAC units identified and the chiller units.
- 2. LONG-RANGE PLAN: The District has bonded twice for the portions of the HVAC upgrades

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- needed, most recently in July 2020. The District maintains a 5-year capital plan to identify all of the capital needs of the District.
- 3. THE PROJECT: Replace air handling and chiller units that have lasted beyond their useful life in a priority order. The HVAC units were 26-28 years old at the time of replacement in the high school. One had failed prior to the bond project necessitating a costly emergency repair. The Facilities Improvement Project was developed to avoid another emergency.
- 4. BUILDING SYSTEMS: The District developed a long-range plan to address HVAC needs, which included adding air-conditioning to one of its gymnasiums. The District has upgraded its building management system at the high school to operate within current technology. The older system was not supported and often failed to transmit to the internal system. Building maintenance staff can access remotely to monitor and troubleshoot. This maximizes the efficiency of the new units installed. The chiller units upgraded service the entire building.
- 5. INTERIOR BULDING ENVIRONMENT: Maintaining the HVAC units, control systems and chillers is essential to maintaining the overall air quality in each of the schools in the District. The focus for the District has been on the high school building due to the large number of units and age of equipment. Student and staff will benefit from excellent indoor air quality, which correlates with better academic success.

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Amy Tirollo, to approve Resolution 4 VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

# 5. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, *Lisa Zaleski* Lisa Zaleski Recording Secretary