

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
December 12, 2022 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 P.M., 100 Ohman Avenue, Orange, CT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Paul Davis, Christopher Browe, Shannan Carlson, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Amy Tirollo, Dr. Jennifer Turner

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Andrea Hubbard

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Samuel Bae

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:41 p.m.

**2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**

Recited by those present

**3. ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

Carla Eichler appointed as a nominating committee of one by Chairperson Davis. BOE unanimously voted in favor of the nominations for Chairperson Davis, Vice Chairperson Reed, Secretary Hartshorn, Treasurer Dr. Turner, and Deputy Treasurer Schuster.

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**a. Regular Meeting – November 14, 2022**

*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Carla Eichler, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D'Addio, Reed, Donna Schuster,  
Sudhir, Tirollo, Turner)*

*ABSTAINED, 2 (Carlson, Oladele)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**b. Special Meeting – November 28, 2022**

*MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Oladele, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir, Tirollo,  
Turner)  
ABSTAINED, 2 (Carlson, Levere-D’Addio)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**c. Special Meeting – December 5, 2022**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Browe, Carlson, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D’Addio, Reed, Schuster,  
Sudhir, Tirollo, Turner)  
ABSTAINED, 1 (Oladele)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**5. STUDENT REPORT**

**a. Monthly Report**

Delivered by Samuel Bae

**6. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THIRD QUARTER 2021 EXECUTIVE SUMMARY  
REVIEW OF AMITY PENSION FUND, SICK AND SEVERANCE ACCOUNT, AND OPEB**

Presented by Fiducient representative Chris Kachmar at the AFC Meeting

**7. PUBLIC COMMENT**

Orange Parent: addressed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade health class lesson regarding Gender Identity

Orange Parent: distributed handouts to the BOE and addressed the 9<sup>th</sup> grade health class lesson regarding Gender Identity and questioned the state mandated curriculum

Woodbridge Resident: addressed the lack of transparency from the BOE regarding the district's interpretation of the acronyms DEI and CRT

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Bethany resident: compared anti-bullying work done by BOE of the past with issues of today, advised that the BOE should be trusted and advised BOE to make difficult decisions

Orange Parent: urged the public to trust and support health teachers to provide instruction pertinent to LGBTQ+ community and suggested these lessons could foster valuable conversations and empathy

Orange Parent: spoke to support the district health curriculum with age and medically appropriate language

Orange Parent: thank you for the successful homecoming dance including chaperones and local business who donated food ... thank you to admin and staff for the rigorous curriculum that allows our students to feel seen and welcomed

Woodbridge Resident: suggested that the DEI Subcommittee minutes were not reflective of the conversation held.

Woodbridge Parent: questioned lack of accessibility to stadium field lights for girls' sports... addressed the message that it sends to girls when they don't have equal access as boys to the use of the stadium lights

Orange Parent: spoke to advocate full support of the work that the BOE and admin are doing ... invited the public to engage in conversation outside of BOE public comment

**8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**

**a. Personnel Report**

**b. Superintendent Report**

**9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING 2023-2024 SCHOOL CALENDAR**

*MOTION by Carla Eichler SECOND by Patrick Reed, to approve setting 2023-2024 School Calendar*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING DATE OF 2023 GRADUATION**

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*MOTION by Christopher Browe SECOND by Dr. Sudhir, to approve setting date of 2023 Graduation for June 9, 2023*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

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

*MOTION to table 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*

**12. CORRESPONDENCE**

**13. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT**

- 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
    - b. Discussion and Possible Action to Direct the Superintendent to Propose Changes to the Town of Woodbridge Planning and Zoning Regarding the Stadium Lights

*MOTION by Amy Tirollo SECOND by Christopher Browe, to direct the Superintendent to propose changes to the Town of Woodbridge Planning and Zoning regarding the stadium lights.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

- 9. Finance
  - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Dissolving Contract
    - 1. Rehabilitation Associates

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*MOTION by Sean Hartshorn SECOND by Patrick Reed, to dissolve contract with Rehabilitation Associates*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

- b. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
- c. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000
- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Transfers over \$3,000

*MOTION by Christopher Browe SECOND by Shannon Carlson, to approve transfers over \$3000*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

- e. Update of 2023-24 Budget Process
  - 1. Current Budget Data
  - 2. Important Budget Meeting Dates
- f. Other
  - 1. Audit update
- 10. Policy
  - a. First Read
    - 1. Policy 3240 Tuition Fees
    - 2. Policy 6172 Alternative Education Program?
    - 3. Policy 6200 Adult/Continuing Education
    - 4. Policy 5131.5 Vandalism
    - 5. Policy 5131.62 Steroid Use (recommendation to remove)
  - b. Second Read
    - 1. Policy 4112.61/4212.41 Use and Disclosure of Employee Medical Information (HIPAA)

*MOTION by Christopher Browe SECOND by Christina Levere-D'Addio, to approve policy 4112.61/4212.41 Use and Disclosure of Employee Medical Information (HIPAA)*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

- 11. Personnel (Executive Session)
  - a. Discussion and Possible Action on Approval on Amity Administrator Contract

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*MOTION by Christopher Browe SECOND by Carla Eichler, to approve the Amity Administrator Group Contract*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**14. NEW BUSINESS**

**15. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by December 31, 2022**

**16. ADJOURNMENT**

*Motion to adjourn made by Sean Hartshorn at 9:25 p.m. with no objections*