

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

*Bethany Orange Woodbridge
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525*

*Dr. Jennifer P. Byars
Superintendent of Schools*

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, August 21, 2023, 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Library Media Center**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Christopher Browe, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D’Addio, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster and Dr. Jennifer Turner

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson, Amy Tirollo, Dr. K. Sudhir

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Frank Purcaro

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Board of Education Regular Meeting - June 12, 2023
- b. Board of Education Special Meeting- June 26, 2023

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio, to approve minutes as submitted for the June 12, 2023 Board of Education Regular Meeting.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 6 (Browe, Davis, Hartshorn, Levere-D’Addio, Turner, Schuster)

ABSTAIN, 4 (Eichler, Hubbard, Oladele, Reed)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio, to approve minutes as submitted for the June 26, 2023 Board of Education Special Meeting.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Levere-D’Addio, Oladele, Schuster, Turner)

ABSTAIN, 2 (Hubbard, Reed)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

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Orange, parent: Welcome back from summer. Addressed an issue in Alabama regarding backlash at the national level against DEI.

Addressed that he feels that he may have some control, here at home, in regards to the importance of DEI conversations.

Woodbridge, parent: Reads BOE goals from website. Addressed student performance in a specific math class. Questioned student performance and how it was comparable to other classes. Questioned what has been done to improve student performance? How will this impact student success in the future?

Senior student: Discussed the ineffective design space that is the library. Addressed issues like seating, collaborative space, independent studying, and quiet space. Advocated for the need for a library renovation to make the space more effective for students.

Junior Student: Indicated all the ways in which he is an active member of the Amity community, but prioritizes being a student. Addressed his work and performance in his math and sciences. Addressed the impact of the specific class on his current course selection.

AEA Union President: Addressed the nature of public comment with regard to the specific naming of teachers and that the public comment was allowed to continue. Stated that this was inconsistent with past practice by the chair of the board.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report

6. CORRESPONDENCE

7. 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 on Directing the Superintendent to research a possible land sale of Amity property in Orange

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to not direct the Superintendent to research a possible land sale of Amity property in Orange.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

- 9. Finance
 - a. Presentation of 2024-2025 Budget Calendar
 - b. Presentation of Annual Report on Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action on Architectural Services and Project Timeline for High School Media Center Remodel

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Christopher Browe, to approve developing the project for the library media center at Amity Regional High School including the proposed timeline and Request for Qualification (RFQ) for architectural services.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D’Addio, Reed, Schuster, Turner)
ABSATIN 1, (Oladele)

MOTION CARRIES

- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Contracts over \$35,000
 - i. Student laptops

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Patrick Reed to approve the two lease purchase agreements with Lenovo for 775 student devices: Three-year lease is for 375 devices with FMV buyout at the end of the term and a four-year lease for 400 devices with \$1.00 buyout option at the end of the term.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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- e. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
 - ii. Fiscal Year 2022-2023
 - iii. Special Education Update FY24
 - iv. Fiscal Year 2023-2024
- f. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers EOY – FY23
- g. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000
- h. Discussion and Possible Action to Appropriate FY23 Funds to Capital and Non-recurring

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Jennifer Turner to approve an appropriation and budget transfer of \$1,066,995 into Reserve Funds for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenses from the fiscal year 2022-2023 year- end funds.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
XX-XX-XXXX	Various general fund expenses accounts	\$1,066,995	
05-15-0000-5856	Transfer Account/Undesignated		\$1,066,995

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to approve the designation of funds for the Amity Regional High School- Library Media Center Renovation project.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
00-15-0099-5856	CNR- Transfer Account	\$1,066,995	
00-15-0065-5715	LMC-ARHS		\$1,066,995

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

MOTION by Carol Oladele, *SECOND* by Sean Hartshorn, to approve the following budget transfers to cover the cost of the consultants to provide homebound tutoring and support services.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-15-1024-5111	Certified Salaries	\$5,000	
04-13-2130-5330	Professional & Technical Svcs		\$5,000

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6110-5560	Tuition – Public Out	\$74,952	
04-13-2190-5330	Professional & Technical Svcs		\$74,952

j. Other

- i. FY23 Fourth Quarter Reports – CNR and Grants
- i. Board Acceptance of Gift

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, *SECOND* by Patrick Reed, to accept the donation of the video timing/ scoreboard from the Amity Regional Aquatic Club at a value of \$40,000 with installation.

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10. Policy

a. First Read

- 1. Policy 5124 Reporting to Parents
- 2. Bylaw 9160 Student Representatives to the Board of Education

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Second Read Policies

- 1. Policy 5121 Students Examination/ Grading/ Rating
- 2. Policy 5121.3 (Former Policy 5128.1) Plagiarism/ Cheating

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MOTION by Sean Hartshorn SECOND by Christina Levere-D'Addio, to approve Policy 5121 Student Examination/ Grading/ Rating and Policy 5121.3 (Former Policy 5128.1) Plagiarism/ Cheating
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11. Personnel

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn SECOND by Christina Levere-D'Addio to enter executive session and to invite Dr. Byars and Ms. Lumas.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

Board enters executive session at 8:57 p.m.

- a. Discussion of Administrative Assistant Union Contract for 2023-2026 (Executive Session)
- b. Discussion of Custodial/Maintenance Union Contract for 2023-2026 (Executive Session)

Board exits executive session at 9:11 p.m.

- c. Action on Administrative Assistant and Custodial/Maintenance Union Contracts

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to approve Administrative Assistant and Custodial/ Maintenance Union Contracts as presented.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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8. NEW BUSINESS

9. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by August 31, 2023

10. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 9:13 p.m. by Chairman Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary

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