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**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5**

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

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*Dr. Jennifer P. Byars  
Superintendent of Schools*

**AMITY BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES**

**Monday, March 04 2024, 6:00 pm  
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT**

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank and Donna Schuster (arrived at 6:08)

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Carla Eichler and Dr. Karunakaran

**STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Sophia Messina

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Frank Purcaro, Dr. Jason Tracy, Kathy Burke, Andre Hauser and Jill LaPlante

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.

**2. DISCUSSION OF PROVIDING HETEROGENEOUS CLASSES AT THE MIDDLE SCHOOL**

[Middle School Unleveling March 2024 Presentation link](#)

- Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars
- Statments delivered by AEA Union President Patrick Cumpstone, AMSB Principal Dr. Tracy and AMSO Principal Kathy Burke
- Question and Answer session was conducted between the Board of Education members and the Amity Region 5 Administration Team

**3. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S MID-YEAR EVALUATION (Executive Session)**

**Chairman Davis calls a brief recess at 7:42 p.m.**

**Chairman Davis resumes meeting at 7:48 p.m.**

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Patrick Reed to enter into Executive Session and invite Dr. Byars.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

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*The Board enters Executive Session at 7:49 p.m.*

Ms. Levere-D'Addio joins Executive Session at 7:51 p.m.

Mr. McDonough joins Executive Session at 7:52 p.m.

Dr. Byars exits Executive Session at 8:58 p.m.

Ms. Schuster exits Executive Session at 10:07 p.m.

*The Board exits Executive Session at 10:08 p.m.*

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Cathy Bradley authorizing Chairman Davis to meet with Dr. Byars to discuss evaluation and expectations.

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*MOTION CARRIES*

**4. ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION to adjourn by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Carol Oladele to adjourn. Meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 10:09 p.m. by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Zaleski*

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BOE Recording Secretary