

*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 COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

April 09 2024, 5:30 pm

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- 1. CALL TO ORDER**
- 2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
 - a. Communications Committee Meeting – March 19, 2024**
- 3. PUBLIC COMMENT**
- 4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE BYLAW**
- 5. PLANNING FOR MAY COMMUNITY FORUM**
- 6. ADJOURNMENT**



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and a literate, caring, creative and effective world citizen."*

District Mission Statement

If you require accommodations to participate because of a disability,
please contact the office of the Superintendent of Schools in advance at 203-397-4811.

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March 19 2024, 5:30 pm**

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Dana Lombardi (arrived 5:40 pm), Cathy Bradley, Mike McDonough, Donna Schuster, Dr. Oladele

COMMMITT MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS IN ATTENDANCE

Dr. Byars

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Dr. Oladele calls meeting to order at 5:34 p.m.

2. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Communications Committee Meeting – February 27, 2024

MOTION by Cathy Bradley to approve February 27, 2024 minutes as submitted.

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3. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

4. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE BYLAW

No action taken; bylaw revised and will be presented to the Committee at the next meeting. Dr. Byars will reach out to districts with the Communications Committee bylaw to get more information on their committee roles and responsibilities.

5. DISCUSSION AND RECOMMENDATION FOR MAY COMMUNITY FORUM TOPICS

Communication Committee discussed possible topics for the May Community Forum, these included: survey parents for topic ideas; dual enrollment & impact on rankings; unleveling and meeting the needs of all learners; aligning topics with the strategic plan.

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Committee recommended two topics – unleveling at the middle school and dual enrollment opportunities at the high school.

Have question deadline for 5/14. Next meeting will plan roles and responsibilities for forum.

6. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting was adjourned, by Chairperson Dr. Oladele, without objections at 6:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary

Bylaws of the Board

Communications Committee

A Communications Committee consisting of those members of the Amity Board of Education appointed by its Chairperson shall be a standing committee of the Board.

The Communications Committee is established to facilitate effective communication and is charged with increasing opportunities for two-way communication between the Superintendent, the school community, and the public.

~~The Communications Committee shall communicate relevant information to stakeholders in Amity Regional School District No. 5 to ensure that our school district provides information about, and celebrates the work of, the school community.~~

~~The Communications Committee shall engage the Amity community by serving as a liaison between the Board of Education and all members of the community.~~

The Communications Committee will develop strategies to improve communication between the Board of Education, schools, parents, students, staff, and the wider community to ensure efficient, effective, and varied methods of communication among all stakeholders and will work to align communications with the District Strategic Plan, Portrait of the Graduate, and District/Board goals, in keeping with the Board's Roles and Responsibilities.

The Communications Committee shall recommend action to the Board as necessary.