

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

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Superintendent of Schools

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT BUILDING COMMITTEE MEETING AGENDA

April 25, 2024 at 5:30 p.m.
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
PRESENTATION ROOM

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Patrick Reed, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Sean Rowland, Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Stephen Martoni, Andre Hauser, Monica Kreuzer, Vicki Hulse, Ken Clark

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT

Michael McDonough, Shaun DeRosa

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Christopher Malizia

ARSD Building Committee Meeting Packet

[April 25 2024 packet.pdf](#)

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Patrick Reed called the meeting to order at 5:32 p.m.

2. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes

a. Building Committee Meeting – February 5, 2024

MOTION BY Carla Eichler, SECOND BY Sean Hartshorn to approve Building Committee Meeting minutes from February 5, 2024 as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Reed, Eichler, Hartshorn, Byars, Lumas, Martoni, Hauser, Kreuzer, Hulse, Clark)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Rowland)

MOTION CARRIES

3. Presentation and Discussion of ARHS – Library Media Center Schematic Design and Cost Estimate - Silver Petrucelli

Presented by Amanda Cleveland and Ken Eldridge

4. Discussion and Possible Action on Schematic Design and Cost Estimate Recommendations to the Amity Board of Education

MOTION BY Carla Eichler, SECOND BY Sean Hartshorn to recommend the Amity Board of Education to approve the Schematic Design with modifications presented by Silver Petrucelli and Associates and authorize

appropriating funds for the ARHS library media center renovation project inclusive of adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces.

RESOLVED,

1. *That Regional School District Number 5 of the State of Connecticut authorizes Three Million One Hundred Fifty-Two Thousand Five Hundred Ninety Six Dollars (\$3,152,596). for costs related to various library media center improvements at Amity Regional High School, contemplated to include: (a) furniture, (b) flooring, (c) HVAC and electrical upgrades and the adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces. The appropriation may be spent for design, construction, acquisition and installation costs, equipment, materials, consultant fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The District Board of Education is authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.*

2. *The Board recognizes funding for the local portion, estimated at \$ 1,961,949 is secured and will be appropriated in the Capital and Nonrecurring Fund of the District.*

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

5. Discussion and Possible Action on Revised Resolutions

MOTION BY Sean Hartshorn, SECOND BY Stephen Martoni to recommend the Amity Board of Education approves these resolutions:

The Amity Board of Education approves these resolutions:

(1) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education authorizes the Superintendent to apply to the Commissioner of Administrative Services and to accept or reject a grant for the Library Media Center Renovation inclusive of adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces at Amity Regional High School.

(2) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Regional School District Building Committee is hereby established as the building committee with regard to the Library Media Center Renovation inclusive of adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces at Amity Regional High School. These committee and staff members are appointed to the Amity Regional School District Building Committee: Amity Facilities Committee members, Superintendent, Director of Facilities, Director of Technology, Director of Finance & Administration, Principal ARHS, Associate Principal ARHS, Library Media-Specialist, ARHS and community member(s).

(3) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education hereby authorizes at least the preparation of schematic drawings and outline specifications for the Library Media Center Renovation inclusive of adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces at the Amity Regional High School.

(4) BE IT RESOLVED, that the Amity Board of Education adopt the Educational Specification as stated here: Educational Specifications for Library Media Center Renovation inclusive of adjoining classrooms, offices and storage spaces at the Amity Regional High School.

a. RATIONALE: The Library Media Center has not been renovated in over 25 years. The needs of the students and instructional methods have changed significantly in this time frame. The Library Media Center may not meet the current New England Accreditation of Schools and Colleges (NEASC) standards. The current design of the library media center does not meet the demand for access nor is it conducive to modern learning spaces. Amity Regional High School is a comprehensive 9-12 high school for students residing in the three towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge.

b. LONG-RANGE PLAN: The District maintains a 5-year capital plan to identify all of the capital needs of the District.

c. THE PROJECT: Renovate the Library Media Center Renovation at the Amity Regional High School. Develop a plan that addresses the learning and teaching styles of today and the future. Specifically add quiet study spaces, collaboration space, small group work, video communication space and an office. Enhanced lighting, new carpet, create small study areas, and upgrade technology available to students. Technology upgrades include digital media studios within the library space. Detailed Educational Specification are attached to this memo.

d. BUILDING SYSTEMS: The District developed a long-range plan to address various building and grounds projects to replace, renovate or update. The HVAC system has had major upgrades in the past five years. The school technology infrastructure was upgraded four years ago.

e. INTERIOR BUILDING ENVIRONMENT: Students were surveyed regarding the current status of the library. The students expressed frustration at the limited space and the type of space available in the library. The current capacity of the library is less than 5% of the student body. Student and staff will benefit from the repurposed space and greater access to the library media services.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

6. Adjourn

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn to adjourn the meeting. Meeting adjourned without objection by Chairperson Reed at 6:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary