

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MEETING MINUTES

**Amity Finance Committee Meeting**  
**Monday, September 17, 2018, 6:30 pm, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT**

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson John Belfonti, Patricia Cardozo, Matthew Giglietti, John Grabowski, Joseph Nuzzo, and Jennifer Turner

**COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT**

None

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

James Connelly, Theresa Lumas, Kathy Burke, Scott Cleary, Richard Dellinger, Shaun DeRosa, Brian Dower, Marie McPadden, Mary Raiola

**BOARD OF EDUCATION MEMBERS PRESENT**

Christopher Browe, Paula Cofrancesco, Steven DeMaio, Carla Eichler, George Howard, Sheila McCreven, Diane Urbano

**1. Call to Order**

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

**2. Discussion and Possible Action on Minutes**

- a. Finance Committee Meeting – June 11, 2018

*MOTION by John Grabowski, Second by Matt Giglietti to approve June 11, 2018 Amity Finance Committee Meeting minutes*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 3 (Giglietti, Grabowski, Turner)*

*ABSTAINED, 2 (Cardozo, Nuzzo)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**3. Public Comment**

Beth Heller, First Selectman, Woodbridge, requested that the Committee vote no to calling a District Meeting to appropriate funds to Capital and Non-Recurring Account. She stated that the previous superintendent is no longer here, the interim superintendent is only in place for a limited time, and a new superintendent has not yet been appointed. Ms. Heller suggested waiting until new leadership is in place and that the new superintendent should then work closely with Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge and then communicate to the public. She requested that the entire fund balance be returned to Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge.

Derrylyn Gorski, First Selectman, Bethany, stated that she agreed with Beth Heller. She stated that the statute was originally set up for under-funded school districts and that Amity is not under-funded. Ms. Gorski concluded that Amity is in transition until a new superintendent is in place, and the State of Connecticut is in transition until after the elections are over in November.

Christopher Browe, Chairperson, Amity Board of Education, stated that Amity will mostly likely return at least 70% to Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge and that this 1% will be used to take care of security issues, which have come up after a recent assessment. He explained that Amity has always enjoyed the support of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge and hopes that support will continue. Mr. Browe pointed out that this money will not be used for a new field; it was already approved to be used for education. If the vote for a District Meeting does not pass, Amity will include these costs in the upcoming budget.

James Zeoli, First Selectman, Orange, asked what the urgency to hold this District Meeting now is in view of the fact that a transitional superintendent is currently in place at Amity. He stated that there has never been a denial of appropriation of funds for Amity, but he does not support appropriating 1% to Capital and Non-Recurring Account and that it is inappropriate at this time. He said this should be part of a budgetary presentation during the budget process.

- 4. Presentation and Discussion of Second Quarter 2018 Executive Summary Review of Amity Pension Fund, Sick and Severance Account, and OPEB Trust**
- 5. Presentation and Discussion of 2019-2020 Budget Calendar**
- 6. Presentation of Annual Report on Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures**

**7. Discussion and Possible Action on Calling a District Meeting to appropriate funds to Capital and Nonrecurring Account**

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION TO CALL A SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING TO CONDUCT A PUBLIC HEARING AND TO CONSIDER AND VOTE ON A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES RESOLVED:**

Section 1. The Board of Education hereby calls a Special District Meeting on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Amity Regional High School to conduct a public hearing and to consider and vote on the following:

**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES**

Section 2. The following place shall be utilized for purpose of convening the Special District Meeting:

Amity Regional High School  
25 Newton Road  
Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525

Section 3. Warning shall be posted upon a signpost or other exterior place near the office of Town Clerk in the Towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge and shall be published in newspapers having a general circulation within the Towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge, respectively, at least five (5) days before the date of said Special District Meeting, which warning shall be in substantially the following form:

**WARNING OF SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING  
Amity Regional School District No. 5  
of the State of Connecticut  
Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge  
October 1, 2018**

Notice is hereby given to all those eligible to vote in town meetings in the member towns of Bethany, Orange and Woodbridge that a Special District Meeting of Amity Regional School District No. 5 of the State of Connecticut will be held on Thursday, October 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria of Amity Regional High School, 25 Newton Road, in Woodbridge, Connecticut for the following purposes:

To conduct a public hearing on a resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES**".

To consider and vote on a resolution entitled "**RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES**".

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A copy of the full text of the resolution is on file and available for public inspection at the District's Office.

Dated at Woodbridge, Connecticut this 1st day of October, 2018.

Christopher Browe, Chairperson

Board of Education

Amity Regional School District 5

of the State of Connecticut

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION RESOLUTION TO RECOMMEND TO THE DISTRICT MEETING A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES**

**WHEREAS**, the District has a surplus in its operating funds from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Education has established a Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures to provide funding for capital and nonrecurring expenditures, however, such use shall be restricted to the funding of all or part of the planning, construction, reconstruction or acquisition of any specific capital improvement or the acquisition of any specific item of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education desires to have a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,391 from this surplus in operating funds from the 2017-2018 fiscal year to the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures be approved by a vote to be held at a Special District Meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, the Board of Education recommends a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,391 from this surplus in operating funds from the 2017-2018 fiscal year to the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures be approved by a vote to be held at a Special District Meeting; and

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**, that a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,391 from this surplus in operating funds from the 2017-2018 fiscal year to the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures is hereby approved.

**AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 SPECIAL DISTRICT MEETING RESOLUTION TO APPROVE A SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION OF \$484,391 TO THE RESERVE FUND FOR CAPITAL AND NONRECURRING EXPENDITURES**

**WHEREAS**, the District has a surplus in its operating funds from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Connecticut General Statutes, the Board of Education has established a Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures to provide funding for capital and nonrecurring expenditures, however, such use shall be restricted to the funding of all or part of the planning, construction, reconstruction or acquisition of any specific capital improvement or the acquisition of any specific item of equipment; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Education has recommended a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,391 from the surplus in operating funds from the fiscal year ending June 30, 2018 to the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures be approved by a vote to be held at a Special District Meeting.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, that a supplemental appropriation in the amount of \$484,391 from the estimated surplus in operating funds from this surplus in operating funds from the 2017-2018 fiscal year to the Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Expenditures is hereby approved.

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*MOTION by Pat Cardozo, Second by John Belfonti, to recommend the Amity Board of Education pass the resolution enclosed to call a Special District Meeting to appropriate 1% (\$484,391) of the 2017-2018 operating funds to the Capital and Non-Recurring Account.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 2 (Belfonti, Cardozo)*

*VOTES OPPOSED, 4 (Giglietti, Grabowski, Nuzzo, Turner)*

*MOTION FAILED*

**8. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

- a. Fiscal Year 2017-2018
- b. Fiscal Year 2018-2019

**9. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000**

- a. Fiscal Year 2017-2018

**10. Other**

- a. Budget Transfer approved by Board in August
- b. Audit update

**11. Adjourn**

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.

*Respectfully submitted,*

*Pamela Pero  
Recording Secretary*