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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 MINUTES

**Monday, August 19, 2024, 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall**

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Karunakaran and Donna Schuster

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Kathy Kovalik, Frank Purcaro

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:46 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Board of Education Regular Meeting - June 10, 2024

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to approve June 10, 2024 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, Lombardi, McDonough, Schlank)

ABSTAIN, 2 (Dr. Oladele, Reed)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange Parent

Speaker addressed the Menstrual Equity Law and read a portion of the law. Speaker stressed that she agreed with the policy of having menstrual products available in the girl's bathroom but disagreed with having menstrual products available in the boy's bathroom for trans boys. Addressed the use of taxpayer's money to

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fund the supply of menstrual products and/or the repairs that will need to be made. The speaker again stressed her concern regarding cost/ damage to Amity facilities.

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Bethany Parent

Addressed the sexual assault that took place in the Bethany after school care program. Speaker advocated on behalf of the Sexual Assault Crisis Services WFC Women and Families Center and the effectiveness of their sexual assault crisis protocol. Speaker requests the Board to consider WFC to run a training session for students, faculty and parents.

Bethany Parent

Suggested the policy of each male coach working with a female counterpart, in the interest of student safety.

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report
- c. [Presentation of Amity Strategic Action Steps 2024-2027](#)

6. CORRESPONDENCE

Presented by Amity Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Cathy Bradley

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON DESIGNATING NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL AS AMITY REGION 05 DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Michael McDonough to DESIGNATE NONNEWAUG HIGH SCHOOL AS AMITY REGION 05 DESIGNATED AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY HIGH SCHOOL.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, Lombardi, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Reed, Schlank)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Bradley)

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8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADDING SPECIAL BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETINGS

MOTION by Dana Lombardi, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to approve adding Special Board of Education Meetings.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

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9. 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

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- a. Monthly Report
- 8. Facilities
 - a. Monthly Report
- 9. Finance
 - a. Presentation of 2025-2026 Budget Calendar
 - b. Presentation of Annual Report on Reserve Fund for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures
 - c. Discussion and Possible Action to Designate Remaining Capital and Non-recurring Funds

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Patrick Reed to designate \$85,192.60 of undesignated funds in the Capital Nonrecurring to the field replacement project line project.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Lombardi, McDonough, Reed, Schlank)

VOTES AGAINST, 1 (Levere-D'Addio)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Dr. Oladele)

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- d. Discussion and Possible Action to Authorize Establishing an Educational Reserve

MOTION by Dr. Carol Oladele, SECOND by Donna Schlank to resolve

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Resolution to Establish a Reserve Fund for Educational Expenditures

BE IT RESOLVED, that pursuant to Connecticut General Statutes Section 10-51(d), as amended by Public Act No. 24-45, a reserve fund entitled "Reserve Fund for Educational Expenditures" is hereby established.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

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- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Increasing Meal Prices

MOTION by Carla Eichler, SECOND by Donna Schlank to approve a 25 cent lunch price increase at all three schools including adult lunches for 2024-2025 school year.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Lombardi, McDonough, Reed, Schlank)

VOTES AGAINST, 2 (Levere-D'Addio, Dr. Oladele)

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- f. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
 - i. Fiscal Year 2023-2024
 - ii. Special Education Update FY25 by Mr. Brant
 - iii. Fiscal Year 2024-2025
- g. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers EOY – FY24
- h. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers FY25
- i. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers over \$3,000 – FY25

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to approve the transfer of \$85,192.60 to the field replacement project line.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
00-15-0099-5899	Undesignated	\$85,192.60	
00-15-0064-5715	Repair & Maintenance - Field		\$85,192.60

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MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to approve the transfer of \$8,553.78 left on the field project line from the bonded funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
00-15-0047-5720	Improvements to Sites	\$8,553.78	
00-15-0053-5715	Bond Contingency		\$8,553.78

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

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j. Other

i. FY24 Fourth Quarter Reports – CNR and Grants

10. Policy

11. Personnel

10. NEW BUSINESS

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by August 31, 2024

12. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Christina Levere-D’Addio to adjourn meeting at 8:47 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 8:47 p.m by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary