

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 09, 2024 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank, Dr. Carol Oladele (arrived at 6:34 p.m.) and Donna Schuster (arrived at 6:34 p.m.), Michael McDonough (arrived at 6:38 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Eichler, Christina Levere-D'Addio

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Board of Education Regular Meeting - August 19, 2024

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Dana Lombardi to approve August 19, 2024 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (Bradley, Davis, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Lombardi, Reed, Schlank)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Dr. Karunakaran)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange Parent

Speaker raised concerns over a Quinnipiac Valley Health District Inquiry/ QR code included in the Principals Happenings.

Orange Parent

Speaker addressed the Menstrual Equity Law and the use of taxpayer's money to fund the supply of menstrual products and/or the repairs that will need to be made.

Woodbridge Parent

Speaker addressed the Menstrual Equity Law and suggested alternate locations for the dispensers to be located so that Amity can comply with the state law while also maintaining a level of safety in the bathrooms.

Bethany Parent

Speaker raised concerns over the Quinnipiac Valley Health District Inquiry/ QR code and the placement of menstrual product dispensers in the girls and boys bathroom. Speaker raised concerns over the cost of products and repeated repairs.

Orange Parent

Speaker advocated their support of DEI at Amity Regional High School.

Woodbridge Parent

Speaker addressed the Menstrual Equity Law and suggested that dispensers be placed in the girls room and the gender neutral bathroom but not in the boys room.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

1. **ACES**

2. **CABE**

3. **Communications**

4. **District Health and Safety**

5. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Committee**

6. **District Technology**

a. Monthly Report

7. **Facilities**

a. Monthly Report

8. **Finance**

a. Discussion of Second Quarter 2024 Executive Summary Review of Amity Pension Fund, Sick and Severance Account, and OPEB Trust

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

b. Discussion and Possible Action to Appropriate Unspent FY2024 funds to Educational Expenditure Fund

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Dr. Karunakaran to approve an appropriation and budget transfer of \$1,091,054 into Reserve Fund for Educational Expenditures from the fiscal year 2023-2024 year-end funds.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
XX-XX-XXXX	Various general fund expenses accounts	\$1,091,054	
05-15-0000-5856	Transfer Account/Undesignated		\$1,091,054

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Davis, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, McDonough, Dr. Oladele , Reed, Schlank, Schuster)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Bradley)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Andrea Hubbard, SECOND by Dr. Karunakaran to approve the designation of funds for the Library Media Center Renovation projects from the 2% appropriation.

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00-15-0099-5856	Transfer Account	\$1,091,054	
00-15-0100-5715	Ed. Reserve - LMC		\$1,091,054

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

- c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
 - i. Special Education Update

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- d. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- e. Other

- i. Audit Progress

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

9. **Policy**

- a. First Reads

- i. Policy 3171.1 - Non-Lapsing Education Fund
- ii. Policy 5145.5/4118.112/4218.112 - Prohibition of Sex Discrimination/Sex-based Harassment

- b. Second Reads

- i. Policy 6148 – FAFSA Completion Program
- ii. Bylaw 9323 – Construction of the Agenda
- iii. Bylaw 9132.7 - Standing Committee: Communications Committee

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to approve, with amendments as discussed, Policy 6148 FASA Completion Program, Bylaw 9323 Construction of Agenda, Bylaw 9132.7 Standing Committee Communications Committee.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

10. **Personnel**

- a. Personnel Report

7. **NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Davis suggests adding Announcements to New Business for future Board of Education agendas

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by September 30, 2024

9. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Dr. Karunakaran SECOND by Patrick Reed to adjourn meeting at 8:14 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 8:14 p.m. by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary