

# AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, November 11, 2024 6:30 pm

25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

Lecture Hall

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

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

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dana Lombardi

## STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Ernest Goodwin, Thomas Brant, and Stephen Martoni

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

### 2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

### 3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Board of Education Regular Meeting – October 28, 2024

*MOTION* by Michael McDonough, *SECOND* by Donna Schlank to approve October 28, 2024 minutes as submitted.

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Davis, Eichler, Dr. Karunakaran, Levere-D'Addio, McDonough, Reed, Schlank, Schuster)*

*ABSTAIN, 4 (Bradley, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Dr. Oladele)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

### 4. PRESENTATION OF ATHLETICS FINANCING

Presented by Amity Region 5 Athletic Director Ernest Goodwin and Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

### 5. PUBLIC COMMENT

#### Orange Parent:

Speaker acknowledged Veterans Day and complimented the Amity Military Wall of Honor. Speaker shared his excitement for the upcoming Community Forum on Technology in Schools. Speaker reflected on the School Climate Survey with specific attention to data on cultural acceptance.

### 6. PRESENTATION OF 2025-2026 SCHOOL CALENDAR

### 7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING 2025 GRADUATION DATE

*MOTION* by Sean Hartshorn, *SECOND* by Michael McDonough to approve the 2025 Graduation Date for June 10, 2025

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2025 BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING SCHEDULE**

*MOTION by Carla Eichler SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to approve the 2025 Board of Education Regular Meeting Schedule*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

**9. CORRESPONDENCE**

Presented by Amity Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Cathy Bradley

**10. 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. **Presentation and Discussion of Third 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. **October 1 Enrollment Report**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

c. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

i. **Special Education Update**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas and Amity Region 5 Director of Pupil Services Thomas Brant.

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

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

e. **Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers over \$3,000**

*MOTION by Christina Levere-D'Addio, SECOND by Patrick Reed to approve the following budget transfer:*

*To cover the cost of 2 variable frequency drives at Amity Regional High School*

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency- Facilities	\$9,485	
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$9,485

*To cover the cost for paraeducator services.*

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
01-12-1200-5112	Classified Salaries	\$25,725	
04-12-1207-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$25,725

*To cover the cost for increased occupational and physical therapy services.*

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
01-12-1200-5112	Classified Salaries	\$53,253	
04-12-1207-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$53,253

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Levere-D’Addio, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Reed, Schlank, Schuster)*

*ABSTAIN, 1 (Bradley)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

**9. Policy**

a. First Reads

- i. Policy 0521 – Nondiscrimination Notice and Policy
- ii. Policy 5131 – Conduct and Discipline
- iii. Policy 4115 – Educator Evaluation and Support Program
- iv. Bylaw 9120 – Officers
- v. Bylaw9325 – Meeting Conduct

**10. Personnel**

a. Personnel Report

**11. NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by November 29, 2024**

**13. ADJOURNMENT**

Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 8:36 p.m by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Zaleski*

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BOE Recording Secretary

