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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 AGENDA

**Monday, June 10, 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, Donna Schlank and Donna Schuster (arrived at 6:38).

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Dr. Sudhir Karunakaran, Dr. Carol Oladele and Patrick Reed

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Frank Purcaro, Ernie Goodwin and Shaun DeRosa

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 – May 15, 2024

MOTION by Michael McDonough *SECOND* by Carla Eichler to approve May 15, 2024 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D'Addio, McDonough, Schlank)

ABSTAIN, 2 (Bradley, Lombardi)

MOTION CARRIES

4. SPECIAL PRESENTATION – FIELDS OF EXCELLENCE RECIPIENT – Kevin Capecelatro

Presented by Amity Region 5 Athletic Director Ernie Goodwin

5. STUDENT REPORT

Presented by Student Representatives Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

6. QUARTERLY INVESTMENT UPDATES

- a. Presentation and Discussion of First Quarter 2024 Review of Amity Pension, Sick and

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Severance and OPEB

Presented by Christopher Kachmar from Fiducient Advisors

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Investment Policy Allocations for Pension and OPEB

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to authorize the Pension and OPEB policy be updated as recommended by Fiducient Advisors to reflect the fund operating at target ranges.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

7. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange, Parent

Read a letter written by an Amity Alum. Letter voiced concerns regarding their academic experiences in English and Social Studies classes over their four years at Amity.

Orange, Parent

Congratulated Amity Athletic Director, Ernie Goodwin, for an excellent athletic season and congratulated the Amity Varsity Baseball team on winning the 2024 State Championship.

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

b. Superintendent Report

Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars

9. CORRESPONDENCE

NONE

10. 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**

a. **Monthly Report**

8. **Facilities**

a. **Monthly Report**

9. **Finance**

a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Contracts over \$35,000**

i. **Cybersecurity**

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to waive the bid process for cybersecurity services and approve the Artic Wolf contract as presented.

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ii. Student Accident Insurance

MOTION by Donna Schuster, SECOND by Dana Lombardi to approve H.D. Segur proposal for student accident insurance \$48,622.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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iii. Student Devices

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Donna Schlank to award the Lenovo Financial Services a lease for Whalley Computer for \$134,502.69 per year for 4 years for 800 devices.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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b. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

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

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

d. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More FY24 and FY25

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Michael McDonough to approve the following two budget transfers for facilities:

To cover the cost for the replacement and repair of the emergency transfer switch at Amity Regional High School.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance	\$5,000	
03-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$5,000

To cover the cost to upgrade to the burglar alarm system at Amity Regional High School.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance	\$6,490	
03-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$6,490

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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MOTION BY Carla Eichler, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to approve the following three budget transfers for Special Education for the cost of occupational and physical therapies services, homebound instruction, psychiatric consultation services and parent travel reimbursement.

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ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-1200-5330	Prof Technical Services	\$8,526.25	
04-13-2130-5330	Prof Technical Services		\$8,526.25
04-12-2151-5330	Prof Technical Services	\$14,419.00	
04-13-2140-5330	Prof Technical Services		\$14,419.00
04-12-1208-5330	Prof Technical Services	\$4,000.00	
04-13-2140-5581	Travel		\$4,000.00

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Christina Levere-D’Addio to approve the following budget transfer to cover the cost of painting the overhang at Amity Middle School Orange.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
01-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites	\$30,000	
02-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites		\$30,000

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to waive the bid process and approve this transfer for cybersecurity consulting services at Amity Regional High School.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
05-14-2350-5112	Classified Salaries	\$58,198	
05-15-2512-5255	Medical	\$25,496	
05-14-2350-5330	Professional Tech Services		\$83,694

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

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10. Policy

a. First Read

- 1. Policy 6148 – FAFSA Completion Program**
- 2. Bylaw 9323 – Construction of the Agenda**
- 3. Bylaw 9132.7 - Standing Committee: Communications Committee**

MOTION by Dana Lombardi, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to enter Executive Session and invite Dr. Byars
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Hubbard, Levere-D’Addio, Lombardi, Schlank, Schuster)
Absent for Vote, 1 (McDonough)

MOTION CARRIES

The Board enters Executive Session at 7:54 p.m.

11. Personnel

- a. Discussion of Nurses' Union Contract for 2024-2027 (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- b. Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- c. Discussion of Superintendent Contract (Anticipated Executive Session)**

The Board exits Executive Session at 10:13 p.m.

Donna Schuster left during executive session. No time recorded.

- d. Possible Action on Approval of the Nurses' Union Contract for 2024-2027**
- e. Possible Action on Superintendent Evaluation**
- f. Possible Action on Superintendent Contract**

MOTION by Carla Eichler SECOND by Dana Lombardi to approve the Nurses' Union Contract for 2024-2027

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (UNANIMOUS)

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MOTION by Christina Levere-D'Addio SECOND by Andrea Hubbard to authorize chairman Davis to meet with the superintendent and discuss her evaluation.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (UNANIMOUS)

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MOTION by Donna Schlank SECOND by Carla Eichler to approve the superintendent's contract as presented.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 6 (Eichler, Hubbard, Davis, McDonough, Schlank, Hartshorn)

VOTES OPPOSED, 3 (Bradley, Lombardi, Levere-D'Addio)

11. NEW BUSINESS

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by July 31, 2024

13. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Christina Levere-D'Addio SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to adjourn meeting at 10:17 p.m.

Meeting was adjourned, without objection, at 10:17 p.m by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary

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