

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
MAY 31, 2022 SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
6:00 p.m., 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Belfonti, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster, Dr. K. Sudhir, Dr. Jennifer Turner, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Christopher Browe (arrived 7:07 p.m.)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Shannan Carlson

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Kathy Burke, Stefan Ciceron, Shaun DeRosa, Peter Downhour, Kathy Kovalik, Jill LaPlante, Dr. Anna Mahon, Stephen Martoni, Dr. Jason Tracy

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. SUPERINTENDENTS' BUDGET UPDATE

Presented by Dr. Byars

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

5 parents, 5 residents, 2 students, and 1 teacher spoke in favor of the budget
2 residents spoke against budget

Chairperson Belfonti called a meeting recess at 6:57 p.m.
Chairperson Belfonti resumed the meeting at 7:07 p.m.

2 parents and 6 residents spoke against budget

Chairperson Belfonti called a meeting recess at 7:32 p.m.
Chairperson Belfonti resumed the meeting at 7:50 p.m.

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5. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2022-2023 BUDGET

MOTION by Christopher Browe, SECOND by Paul Davis, to approve the budget for the fiscal year 2022-2023 at a 3.19% increase for a total budget of \$53,349,805 and a net amount of \$52,349,608

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Belfonti, Browe, Davis, Eichler, Hubbard, Oladele, Reed, Schuster, Sudhir)

OPPOSED, 2 (Hartshorn, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Levere-D'Addio)

MOTION CARRIED

6. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING DATE AND REFERENDUM DATE

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Paul Davis, to set the District Meeting Date for Monday, June 13, 2022 at 6:15 p.m. in the Presentation Room at Amity Regional High School and Referendum on Tuesday, June 14, 2022

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

7. ADJOURNMENT

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn, to adjourn meeting

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 10:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero

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Board of Education Recording Clerk

Amity Regional School District No. 5 2022-2023 Proposed Budget Reductions

Wendy Carrafiello
Amity High School

Julian Stevens
Amity High School

Eveleen Jiang
LINK CREW

Andrew Gilbride

Ryan Hatrick

Nayana Wright

Justin Roche

Jacob Levy

Wil Gambardella

Amity Board of Education Budget Proposal
BOE Special Meeting May 31, 2022
Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D., Superintendent

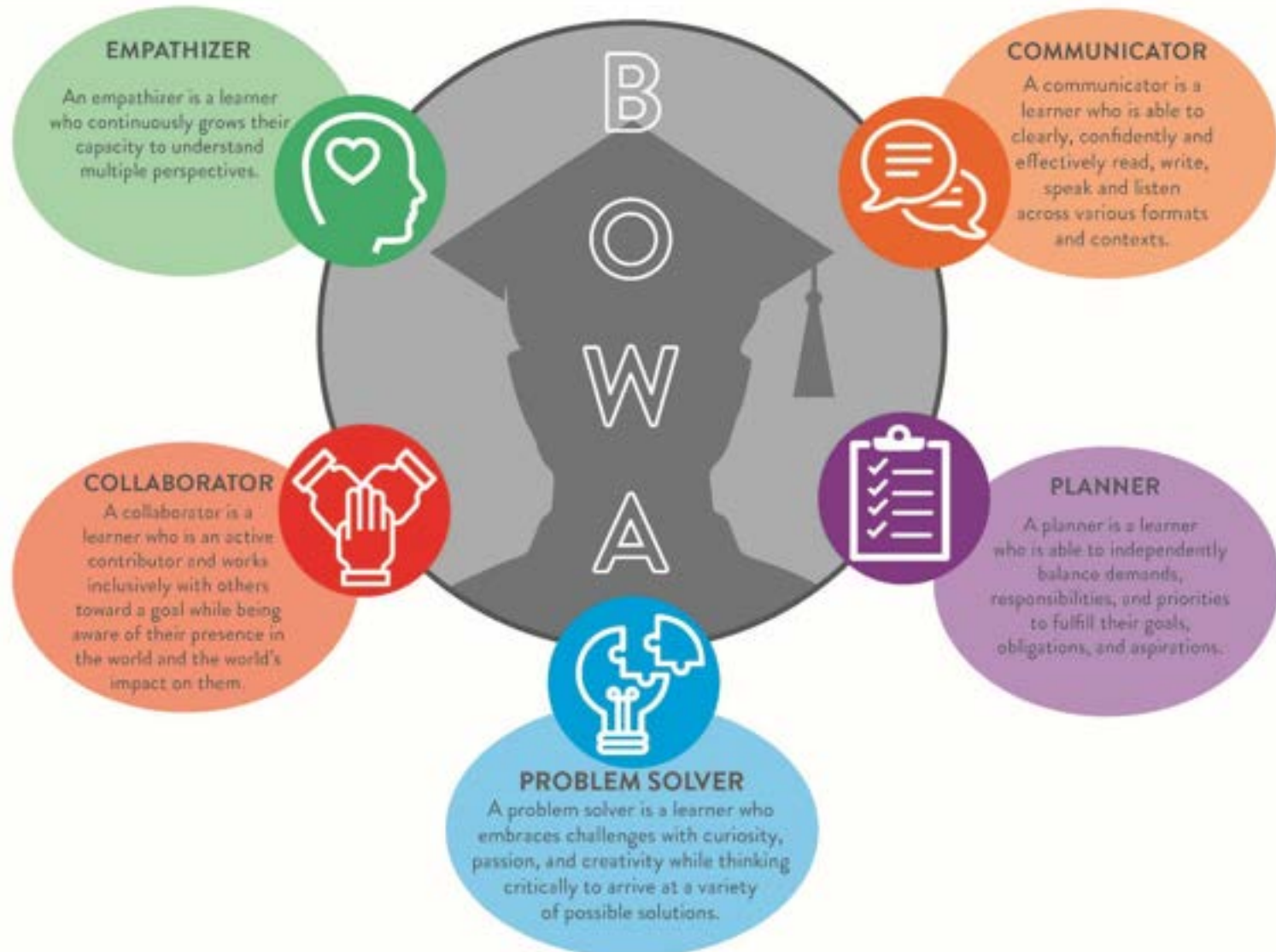
Elizabeth Bowler

April 2022



PORTRAIT OF THE GRADUATE

The BOWA Portrait of the Graduate illustrates a self-aware citizen who, through a determined course of scholastic experiences, displays the following characteristics...





ATHLETICS

THE ARTS

ACADEMICS



Reduction from May 3rd Referendum

POSITION	AMOUNT	% OF BUDGET DECREASE
DEI Instructional Coach	\$ 52,586	0.10%
Administrative Assistant & Benefits	\$ 86,985	0.17%
Custodian Position & Benefits	\$ 67,509	0.13%
BUDGET TOTAL	3.59 % above current 21-22 Budget	



Next Referendum must include a reduction to the budget. The responsibility of the Board is to set a dollar amount that will be supported by voters.

The responsibility of the Superintendent is to determine what reductions are made to achieve that dollar amount – with feedback from the Board and Public comment taken into consideration.



Possible Non-Instructional Reductions

POSSIBLE REDUCTION	COST SAVINGS	% OF CURRENT BUDGET
0.2 Administrative Assistant	\$19,935	0.04%
Medical Reserve (20%)	\$37,037	0.07%
OPEB, leaves \$150,000	\$17,232	0.03%
Legal Services	\$25,000	0.05%
School Health Aide	\$40,187	0.08%



Possible Non-Instructional Reductions

POSSIBLE REDUCTION	COST SAVINGS	% OF CURRENT BUDGET
Late Buses	\$ 9,690	0.02%
STEAM Day	\$14,861	0.03%
High School Intern	\$14,000	0.03%



*If Amity goes to a 4th
Referendum, further reductions
would need to be made.*



Further Potential Reductions (Non-Instructional)

POSSIBLE REDUCTION	COST SAVINGS	% OF CURRENT BUDGET
School Security Officer	\$37,951	0.07%
Cyber Security Technician	\$51,156	0.10%
ARHS SRO	\$114,576	0.22%
Student Assistance Counselor	\$80,947	0.16%



Possible Athletics Reductions/Revenue

- Reduction of Middle School Athletics
 - Stipend for Coaches
 - Cost of Transportation & Officials

Boys' Soccer

Boys' Basketball

Baseball

Girls' Soccer

Girls' Basketball

Softball

- Net Reduction \$60,040; Net Change 0.12%



Possible Athletics Reductions/Revenue

- "Pay to Play" Model for High School Sports
- 12 of 18 DRG B School Districts (with athletics) have Pay to Play
 - Amity is one of the 6 without Pay to Play
- Pay to Play does NOT lower the budget.
 - Pay to Play generates revenue which offsets the town allocation to the budget
- Potential model
 - \$150 per season with \$450 family cap
 - Students who qualify for free/reduced lunch are exempt
- Potential revenue - \$150,000



Further Potential Reductions (Instructional)

- Reduction of Instructional Supplies by approximately 10%
- Net Reduction \$71,515; Net Change 0.14%
- INCLUDES -
 - PSAT and PreACT Registration for all 10th and 11th grade students
 - Textbooks – World Language and Science
 - Trade Books and Library Books
 - Calculators
 - Equipment repair and new equipment
 - On-line Instructional Subscriptions
 - General instructional supplies for science, culinary, CTE, VPA, Health/PE



Further Potential Reductions (Instructional)

PROPOSED REDUCTION	COST SAVINGS	% OF CURRENT BUDGET
Paraeducator	\$25,649	0.05%
MS Digital Media Teachers	\$121,330	0.23%
3.0 Certified Staff RIF (Teacher/Administrator)	\$197,158	0.39%



Current Amity Surplus

- Current 2021-2022 Amity Surplus - \$907,201
- Possible Designated 1% to CNR - \$516,981
- Capital Projects Identified for CNR Funds
 - New Musical Instruments – Middle Schools
 - Roof Drainage & Gutters – Middle Schools
 - Media Center Updates – Middle Schools
- Amount Currently Identified to be Returned to the Towns - \$390,310 (0.75%)
 - The final allocation of excess cost was received today, a 75.75% reimbursement rate, \$40,837 more than budgeted.
 - Open Purchase orders through July - insurance, utilities, OOD special education



Thank you
for
supporting
your Amity
Students



