

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION  
MARCH 11, 2019 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES  
6:30 pm, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

**BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT**

Chairperson Christopher Browe, John Belfonti, Patricia Cardozo, Shannan Carlson Paula Cofrancesco, Steven DeMaio, Carla Eichler, Amy Esposito, George Howard, Sheila McCreven, Jennifer Turner, Diane Urbano

**BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT**

Robyn Berke

**STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT**

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Frank Barretta, Kathy Burke, Scott Cleary, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Brian Dower, Ernest Goodwin, Dr. Marie McPadden, Mary Raiola, James Saisa

**1. Call to Order**

Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m.

**2. Pledge of Allegiance**

Recited by those present

**3. Approval of Minutes**

**a. Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 11, 2019**

*MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Shannan Carlson, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Howard, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Carlson,  
Turner, Urbano)  
ABSTAINED, 1 (Cardozo)  
MOTION CARRIED*

**b. Special Board of Education Meeting, February 21, 2019**

*MOTION by Shannan Carlson, Second by Steven DeMaio, to approve minutes as submitted  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Howard, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Cardozo,  
Carlson, Turner)  
ABSTAINED, 1 (Urbano)  
MOTION CARRIED*

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*MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by John Belfonti, to move item #4 Public Comment after item #7 Recognition of Amity Regional High School Volleyball Girls' State Championship*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Howard, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Cardozo, Turner, Urbano)*

*OPPOSED, 1 (Carlson)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

4. **STUDENT REPORT – Olivia Gross and Ella Marin (Item #5 on the Agenda)**

5. **RECOGNITION OF NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARSHIP FINALISTS (Item #6 on the Agenda)**

Presented by Frank Barretta

6. **RECOGNITION OF AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL VOLLEYBALL GIRLS' STATE CHAMPIONSHIP (Item #7 on the Agenda)**

Presented by Ernest Goodwin

7. **Public Comment (Item #4 on the Agenda)**

Public comments were provided by 2 students and 4 parents/residents. One parent distributed written testimony in addition to providing public comment.

8. **Amity Youth Survey Results**

Presented by Lorrie McFarland

9. **Correspondence**

10. **Superintendent's Report**

a. **Personnel Report**

b. **Superintendent Report**

[https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/District\\_information/Superintendent's\\_Reports/2019-2019\\_Superintendent's\\_Reports/Superintendents\\_Report\\_031119.pdf](https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/District_information/Superintendent's_Reports/2019-2019_Superintendent's_Reports/Superintendents_Report_031119.pdf)

Dr. Byars presented tokens of appreciation to Board members in honor of March "Board Appreciation Month"

c. **Presentation of Amity Regional High School Blended Report Card**

Frank Barretta presented

11. **Chairman's Report**

a. **Committee Reports**

1. ACES
2. Ad Hoc School Safety
3. Ad Hoc Shared Services
4. CABE
5. Curriculum

a. **Decision and Possible Action on New Textbook Approval for Chemistry and Modern History**

*MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Carla Eichler, to approve purchase of proposed new textbooks for Chemistry and Modern History*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Howard, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Cardozo, Carlson, Urbano)*

*ABSTAINED, 1 (Turner)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

6. **District Health and Safety**

7. **District Technology**

8. **Facilities**

- a. February 2019 Monthly Report  
[https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/Departments/Facilities/General Information/Facilities 2018-19 Reports/FACILITIES february2019.pdf](https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/Departments/Facilities/General%20Information/Facilities%2018-19%20Reports/FACILITIES%20february2019.pdf)

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**9. Finance**

**a. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2019-2020 Budget**

Dr. Byars distributed a memo from Theresa Lumas dated February 22, 2019 regarding 2019-2020 Budget Update (*Enclosure*)

*MOTION by Steven DeMaio, Second by Patricia Cardozo, to approve the proposed 2019-2020 budget for the fiscal year 2019-2020 in the gross amount of \$49,548,307 and the net amount of \$48,627,967 to be submitted to Referendum on Wednesday, May 8, 2019.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Cardozo, Carlson, Turner)*

*OPPOSED, 1 (Urbano)*

*ABSTAINED, 1 (Howard)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

*MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Steven DeMaio, to authorize Amity Regional School District No. 5 to prepare an Explanatory Text for the Budget Referendum Question: BE IT RESOLVED, that the Secretary of the Board of Education of Amity Regional School District No. 5 is authorized to prepare, print, and distribute a concise explanatory text of the budget referendum question which, by vote of the Board of Education, has been submitted to a referendum vote on the voting machines of each of the member towns, which text shall not advocate either the approval or disapproval of the question and shall otherwise be prepared in accordance with Connecticut General Statutes Section 9-369b.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (DeMaio, Cofrancesco, Eichler, Esposito, McCreven, Belfonti, Cardozo, Carlson, Turner)*

*ABSTAINED, 2 (Howard, Urbano)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

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

**1. Clock System – Amity Regional High School**

James Saisa presented

*MOTION by Diane Urbano, Second by Amy Esposito, to award the contract to Sapling, Inc. c/o Environmental Systems Corp (authorized PEPPM reseller) for the bid price of \$57,323.97 for a new clock system at Amity Regional High School*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

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

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**e. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More**

*MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Steven DeMaio, to approve the following budget transfer to cover the cost of a clock system at Amity Regional High School:*

<u>ACCOUNT NUMBER</u>	<u>ACCOUNT NAME</u>	<u>FROM</u>	<u>TO</u>
05-14-2600-5715	Facilities Contingency	\$52,766	
05-15-0000-5850	General Contingency	\$4,558	
03-14-2600-5731	Equipment – Replacement		\$57,324

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

John Belfonti publicly thanked Scott Cleary for his service.

**10. Policy**

**a. Second Read**

- 1. Policy 3160**
- 2. Policy 3292**
- 3. Policy 3434**
- 4. Policy 3435**
- 5. Policy 3440**
- 6. Policy 5121**
- 7. Policy 5131**
- 8. Policy 6146.2**

*MOTION by Steven DeMaio, Second by Patricia Cardozo, to approve all policies listed for second read (3160, 3292, 3434, 3435, 3440, 5121, 5131, and 6146.2)*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)*

*MOTION CARRIED*

**11. Personnel**

**12. New Business**

None

**13. Items for the Next Agenda**

None

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**14. Adjournment**

MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Shannan Carlson, to adjourn the meeting  
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (unanimous)  
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Pamela Pero*

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Recording Secretary