

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 13, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Board Presentation Room at 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Thomas Hurley, Mr. John Belfonti (absent 8:35-8:40), Ms. Robyn Berke, (arrived 7:15), Ms. Patricia Cardozo, Ms. Shannan Carlson (departed 8:35), Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Ms. Sue Cohen, Mr. Steven DeMaio, Ms. Amy Esposito, Ms. Sheila McCreven, Ms. Jennifer Turner, and Ms. Diane Urbano

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Mr. Christopher Browe

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Charles Dumais, Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Ms. Theresa Lumas, Ms. Kathy Burke, Mr. Scott Cleary, Mr. Peter Downhour, Ms. Lynn Edwards, Mr. Ernest Goodwin, Ms. Michelle Lockwood, Ms. Anna Mahon, Mr. Greg Murphy, and Ms. Mary Raiola

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

recited by those present

3. PRESENTATION OF SUMMER SIDEKICK CERTIFICATES

- a. Ms. Lynn Edwards presented certificates to Amity Middle School Orange award winners.
- b. Mr. Greg Murphy presented certificates to Amity Middle School Bethany award winners.

4. RECOGNITION OF CAPSS AWARDS

- a. Ms. Kathy Burke presented certificates to Amity Middle School Orange award winners.
- b. Dr. Richard Dellinger presented certificates to Amity Middle School Bethany award winners.
- c. Ms. Anna Mahon presented certificates to Amity Regional High School award winners.

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Mr. Belfonti to present item #6 (BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION) immediately after item #4 (RECOGNITION OF CAPSS AWARDS)

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

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6. BOARD MEMBER RECOGNITION (*moved from its original placement in meeting agenda*)

Chairperson Hurley recognized Ms. Sue Cohen's many years of service to the community. Ms. Cohen thanked the Board of Education, mentioned former Amity Board of Education Chairperson William Blake and former Amity Board of Education member James Stirling, and acknowledged the wonderful contributions made by former Superintendent, Dr. John Brady, former Interim Superintendent, Michael Nast, and Superintendent, Dr. Charles Dumais. She cautioned that policies are the next most important task, along with funding administration to achieve its goals, to follow those policies, and to lead us. Ms. Cohen concluded by graciously thanking everybody present. Dr. Dumais, Ms. Theresa Lumas, and the Amity Board of Education presented Ms. Sue Cohen with a cake in her honor.

*Chairman Hurley called a recess at 6:55 p.m.
Meeting reconvened at 7:05 p.m.*

5. STUDENT REPORT – Ananya Kachru

7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 16, 2017 (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Carlson, Second by Ms. McCreven to accept the minutes as corrected.

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

8. PUBLIC COMMENT

Copies of a letter from David Cohen, Woodbridge, were distributed to the Board requesting a full week for February break.

9. DONATION FROM MR. AND MRS. RONAI TO AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Esposito to approve this donation.

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

10. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2018-2019 DISTRICT CALENDAR

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Ms. Cardozo to accept the 2018-2019 District Calendar.

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Ms. Berke to table discussion of 2018-2018 District Calendar until the next Amity Board of Education regular meeting.

Vote in favor, 5 (Ms. Berke, Ms. Carlson, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Cofrancesco, and Ms. McCreven)

Vote against, 6 (Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION DEFEATED

There was discussion about the original motion to accept the 2018-2019 District Calendar as submitted.

Vote in favor, 9 (Mr. DeMaio, Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. Urbano)

Vote against, 2 (Ms. Berke and Ms. Carlson)

MOTION CARRIED

11. CORRESPONDENCE

Dr. Dumais referenced the letter from David Cohen, which had already been distributed and discussed, regarding having a full week for February break.

12. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Personnel Report

Dr. Dumais explained that we are fully staffed.

b. Superintendent Report

[https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/BOE/Superintendent's Reports/SuperintendentReport November2017_R.pdf](https://www.amityregion5.org/uploaded/BOE/Superintendent's_Reports/SuperintendentReport_November2017_R.pdf)

13. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

1. ACES

Ms. Cohen explained that ACES is cutting funds including in technology and are trying to hold down costs on Special Education. Dr. Dumais explained to the Board that we only accept ACES Open Choice students who were previously accepted into that program in Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge elementary schools.

2. CABB

a. Discussion of CABB Delegate Assembly 2018 Proposed Resolutions

Ms. McCreven advised the Board that she has a work conflict and cannot attend the November 16, 2017 Delegate Assembly and asked if anybody else on the Board would like to go in her place. Nobody else is able to attend in Ms. McCreven's place.

Ms. McCreven reminded the Board about the December 7th session for new members as well as experienced members and asked all interested members to contact her or Dr. Dumais.

3. Curriculum

a. Draft October 26, 2017 Meeting Minutes

4. Facilities

Ms. Cardozo referenced the October, 2017 Facilities Department Monthly Report and praised Mr. Saisa and the Department for doing a fantastic job.

5. Finance

a. Discussion Regarding Amity Pension Fund, Sick and Severance Account, and OPEB Trust

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- b. Discussion and Possible Action on Contracts of \$35,000 or More
 - i. Workers' Compensation and Liability, Automotive, and Property Insurances

Motion by Ms. Cardozo, Second by Mr. Belfonti to award the workers' compensation insurance for July 1, 2018 to June 30, 2021, to Connecticut Interlock Risk Management Agency (CIRMA) of New Haven, Connecticut at the price of \$239,400 plus the audit premium to be determined. Price increases for years two and three will be based on payroll increases and claims; and award the liability, automobile, and property insurance to Connecticut Interlock Risk Management Agency with a maximum of a three percent increase in the second and third years of the contract. This will be a three-year contract for workers' compensation and liability, automobile, and property insurance.

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- ii. Financial Accounting System

Motion by Ms. Esposito, Second by Ms. Cardozo that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign a three-year extension of the current support contract with Tyler Technologies for the MUNIS Financial Accounting Systems for a total cost of \$215,013; \$68,879 in year 1, \$71,635 in year 2, and \$74,499 in year 3. The Amity Board of Education waives the bid requirement.

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More

Motion by Ms. Carlson, Second by Ms. Urbano to approve transfers.

Vote in favor, 11, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

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- f. Other
 - i. Update on Excess Cost Grant
 - ii. Update on Budget Development
 - iii. Update on Financial Audit
 - iv. Emergency Repair (water line)
- 6. Policy
 - a. Draft October 23, 2017 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Cohen to adopt Policies 1170, 1180, and 1210.

Vote in favor, 9, unanimous (Ms. Berke, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- 7. Personnel
 - Ms. Cohen reported that negotiations are still underway.
- 8. District Technology
 - a. Discussion and Action on Title IV Grant Application

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to approve grant application.

Vote in favor, 10, unanimous (Ms. Berke, Mr. Belfonti, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- 9. District Health and Safety
 - Mr. DeMaio will have an update after the January 2018 committee meeting.

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14. ITEMS FOR NEXT AGENDA

Ad hoc committee (one from each town: Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge) to explore opportunities for shared services and regionalization.

15. ADJOURNMENT

Chairman Hurley presented Ms. Cohen with her Amity Board of Education meeting name plate, as she is resigning from the Amity Board of Education.

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Ms. Berke to adjourn meeting.

Vote in favor, 10, unanimous (Ms. Berke, Mr. Belfonti, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Cohen, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Turner, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero
Recording Secretary