

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, January 27 2025, 6:30 pm

25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Dr. Karunakaran, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Michael McDonough* arrived at 6:36 p.m., Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Hubbard, Dana Lombardi, Dr. Carol Oladele, Donna Schuster

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Board of Education Regular Meeting – January 13, 2025

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn SECOND by Patrick Reed to approve January 13, 2025 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

Presented by Board of Education student representatives Sophia Messina and Janet Fan

Dr. Karunakaran called the Amity Finance Committee meeting back to order at 6:40 p.m. to join the BOE meeting for Dr. Byar's presentation on the proposed 2025-2026 Budget.

5. UPDATE ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

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

6. DISCUSSION ON THE SUPERINTENDENT'S PROPOSED 2025-2026 BUDGET

7. RECESS

Dr. Karunakaran adjourned the Amity Finance Committee, without objection, at 7:33 p.m.

BOE took a short recess from 7:33 p.m. - 7:36 p.m.

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

a. Superintendent Report

b. Questions on English, Social Studies, or World Language Curriculum Revisions

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

9. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment will be limited to those items noticed in this agenda

None

10. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by January 31, 2025

11. ADJOURNMENT

Meeting adjourned, without objection, at 7:57 p.m by Chairperson Davis.

Respectfully submitted,

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BOE Recording Secretary