

# AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

Monday, March 24, 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, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, and Donna Schuster

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Hubbard, Dana Lombardi and Donna Schlank

## STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janet Fan

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars and Dr. Shannan Carlson

### 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 – March 10, 2025

*MOTION by Cathy Bradley, SECOND by Michael McDonough to approve March 10, 2025 minutes as submitted.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

### 4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

Presented by Board of Education student representative Janet Fan

### 5. 3 A's (Academics, Arts, Athletics) AND POG (Portrait of the Graduate) FOCUS PRESENTATION

a. [Special Education 101](#) – Tom Brant and Rebecca Rivera

### 6. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Superintendent Report

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

### 7. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

Chairperson Davis read a letter to the community in response to Public Comment from March 10, 2024

Regular Board of Education Meeting and in general response to correspondence to the Board. [Letter linked here](#)

1. Curriculum

Presented by Amity Region 5 Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shannan Carlson

**8. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ESTABLISHING AN AD HOC COMMITTEE TO STUDY AND MAKE RECOMMENDATIONS CONCERNING LATER SCHOOL STARTING TIMES**

*MOTION by Cathy Bradley, SECOND by Dr. Oladele to establish an Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations concerning later school starting times.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (Bradley, Eichler, Karunakaran, Davis, Oladele, Reed, Schuster)*

*ABSTAIN, 3 (Levere- D'Addio, Hartshorn, McDonough)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

Chairperson Davis appoints Donna Schuster as the Chair of the Ad Hoc Committee to study and make recommendations concerning later school starting times.

**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 March 31, 2025**

- a. Preparation for April 28<sup>th</sup> Strategic Planning Special Meeting

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Zaleski*

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BOE Recording Secretary