

# AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, April 07, 2025 6:30 pm  
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT  
Lecture Hall

## BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Christina Levere-D'Addio, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank and Donna Schuster\* via telephone

## BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Sean Hartshorn

## STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janet Fan

## STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Tom Brant

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:30 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 24, 2025

*MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Christina Levere-D'Addio to approve March 10, 2025 minutes as submitted.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Dr. Karunakaran, Levere-D'Addio, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Reed, Schuster)*

*ABSTAIN, 3 (Hubbard, Lombardi, Schlank)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

### 4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

### 5. CORRESPONDENCE

Presented by Amity Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Cathy Bradley

### 6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

1. **ACES**

2. **CABE**

3. **Communications**

4. **Curriculum**

5. **District Health and Safety**

6. **Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Executive Committee**

7. **District Technology**
  - a. Monthly Report
8. **Facilities**
  - a. Monthly Report
9. **Finance**

- a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Increasing District's Credit Card Limit**

*MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to Recommend the Amity Board of Education approve increasing the credit limit of the District credit card to \$25,000.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Reed, Schlank, Schuster)*

*ABSTAIN, 1 (Levere-D'Addio)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

- b. **Discussion and Possible Action on Healthy Food Certification**

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Amity Regional School District No. 5 certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2025, through June 30, 2026. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or nonschool organizations and groups.

*MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Carla Eichler to Recommend the Amity Board of Education approve all sales of food items will comply with the C.G.S. Section 10-215f as stated above.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An "event" is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The "regular school day" is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. "Location" means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

*MOTION by Cathy Bradley, SECOND by Donna Schlank Recommend the Amity Board of Education approve the exemption of food and beverage items sold at events as stated above.*

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Davis, Eichler, Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, Levere-D'Addio, Lombardi, McDonough, Reed, Schlank)*

*ABSTAIN, 3 (Bradley, Dr. Oladele, Schuster)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

**c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

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

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

**e. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers over \$3,000**

*MOTION by Cathy Bradley SECOND by Dr. Oladele to Recommend the Amity Board of Education approve this transfer for utilities invoices.*

<b>ACCOUNT NUMBER</b>	<b>ACCOUNT NAME</b>	<b>FROM</b>	<b>TO</b>
05-14-2600-5715	Facilities Contingency	\$80,715	
05-15-0000-5850	Contingency-District	\$60,000	
01-14-2600-5410	Utilities		\$20,000
02-14-2600-5410	Utilities		\$20,000
03-14-2600-5410	Utilities		\$100,715

*VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)*

*MOTION CARRIES*

**f. Other**

- i. CNR Quarterly Report**
- ii. Educational Expenditure Reserve Quarterly Report**
- iii. Grants Quarterly Report**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

**10. Policy**

**a. First Reads**

- i. Policy 5131.911 - Connecticut School Climate Policy**
- ii. Policy 5131.81 Cell Phones and other Personal Electronic Devices**

**11. Personnel**

**a. Personnel Report**

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

**7. NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Presented by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

**8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by April 30, 2025**

**9. ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:11 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

*Lisa Zaleski*

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BOE Recording Secretary