

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION Annual District Meeting on the Budget MINUTES

Monday, May 5, 2025, 5:30 pm

25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Andrea Hubbard, Dr. Karunakaran, and Patrick Reed

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Paul Davis called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m.

Motion to nominate Paul Davis as moderator to conduct the Annual District Meeting.

Motion made by: Patrick Reed; second: Dr. Karunakaran

Motion to close nominations for moderator to conduct the Annual District meeting

Motion made by: Andrea Hubbard; second: Patrick Reed; vote tally: 5-0

Call to nominate Paul Davis as moderator to conduct the Annual District Meeting; vote tally: 5-0

Moderator read the Call of the Meeting (Legal Notice)

PURSUANT TO SECTION 10-47 OF THE CONNECTICUT GENERAL STATUTES AS AMENDED, NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT THE ANNUAL DISTRICT MEETING WILL BE HELD AT 5:30 PM ON MONDAY, MAY 5, 2025, AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL, 25 NEWTON ROAD, WOODBRIDGE, CONNECTICUT, TO PRESENT THE ANNUAL BUDGET OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 FOR THE FISCAL YEAR JULY 1, 2025 TO JUNE 30, 2026. VOTING ON THE PROPOSED BUDGET SHALL BE BY REFERENDUM VOTE ON TUESDAY, MAY 6, 2025. COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET WILL BE AVAILABLE TO ANY PERSON ELIGIBLE TO VOTE AT A TOWN MEETING IN THE TOWNS OF BETHANY, ORANGE, AND WOODBRIDGE, AT THE ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICES OF THE BOARD AT AMITY REGIONAL DISTRICT OFFICES. ADDITIONAL COPIES OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET ALSO WILL BE AVAILABLE IN THE OFFICE OF THE TOWN CLERK IN EACH OF THE TOWNS OF BETHANY, ORANGE AND WOODBRIDGE.

The Board waived the presentation by Superintendent of Amity Region 5, Dr. Jennifer Byars of the Amity Region 5 2025-2026 budget since no public was present. The presentation and hard copies of the budget were available.

Moderator turned the meeting over to Board Chairman Davis who read the following:

A referendum vote of the electors and citizens qualified to vote in a town meeting of the Towns of Bethany, Orange & Woodbridge, Connecticut will be held in the Town of Bethany, at the following polling place:

Bethany Town Hall, Peck Road, Bethany

And in the Town of Orange, at the following polling place:

High Plains Community Center, 525 Orange Center Road, Orange

And in the Town of Woodbridge, at the following polling place:

The Center (Gym) 4 Meetinghouse Lane, Woodbridge

And simultaneously in all Towns in the District on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, between the hours of 6:00 a.m. and 8:00 p.m., pursuant to Sections 7-7 and 10-47 of the General Statutes. The following question will be placed on the ballot labels:

SHALL THE AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOLS' BUDGET FOR THE FISCAL YEAR 2025-26 IN THE GROSS AMOUNT OF \$58,108,999 AND THE NET AMOUNT OF \$56,835,803, BE APPROVED AS PRESENTED BY THE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5?

Voters approving said question shall vote "YES" and those opposing said question shall vote "NO."

Motion to adjourn to a machine/ballot vote to be held in the towns of Bethany, Orange, and Woodbridge on Tuesday, May 6, 2025, from 6:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.

Motion made by: Carla Eichler; second: Dr. Karunakaran; vote tally: 5-0

Meeting adjourned without objection at 5:34 p.m. by Chairman Davis

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary