

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, June 23, 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, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank and Donna Schuster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Hubbard

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars and Theresa Lumas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:34 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 – June 09, 2025

MOTION by Dana Lombardi, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to approve June 09, 2025 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, Dr. Carol Oladele, Reed, Schlank)

NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE, 3 (Levere-D'Addio, McDonough, Schuster)

MOTION CARRIES

4. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. Finance

1. Discussion and Possible Action on Food Service Items

a. Price Increases for FY26

MOTION by Dr. Karunakaran, SECOND by Sean Hartshorn to approve the lunch price increase recommendation for 2025-2026.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Bradley, Davis, Eichler, Hartshorn, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, McDonough, Reed, Schlank)

ABSTAIN, 3 (Levere-D'Addio, Dr. Carol Oladele, Schuster)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Dr. Carol Oladele to move Agenda item 5 Public Comment ahead of Agenda item 4b Personnel.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

5. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment will be limited to those items noticed in this agenda
None

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Michael McDonough to enter executive session and invite Dr. Byars to join.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

The Board enters Executive Session at 6:46 p.m.

a. Personnel

- 1. Discussion of Superintendent Evaluation (Anticipated Executive Session)**
- 2. Discussion of Superintendent Contract (Anticipated Executive Session)**

The Board exits Executive Session at 8:12 p.m.

Dr. Byars, Cathy Bradley and Dana Lombardi left at 8:12 p.m.

3. Possible Action on Superintendent Evaluation

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Dr. Karunakaran to authorize the Chair to provide a written Evaluation of the Superintendent to Dr. Byars as directed by the Board.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

4. Possible Action on Superintendent Contract

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Patrick Reed to approve the Contract Agreement between the ABOE and Dr. Jennifer Byars for the period of July 1, 2025 through June 30, 2028.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

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

7. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary