

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, September 8, 2025, 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Carla Eichler, Sean Hartshorn, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Carol Oladele, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank and Donna Schuster* *arrived at 6:42*

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Andrea Hubbard, Christina Levere-D’Addio

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Janet Fan and Shreya Viswanathan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Shannan Carlson, Theresa Lumas, Thomas 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 – August 18, 2025

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to approve August 18, 2025 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

Orange AMSO parent:

Parent shares her family's experience with her son's 504 plan. Due to his illness, he could not attend school regularly and utilized homebound tutoring. Parent shares her appreciation for the medical 504 plan that allowed her son to assimilate back into the regular school day.

Woodbridge Parent:

Parent addresses math curriculum and math placement at AMSB. Parent speaks on the role math preparation plays in SAT and college placement. Parent urges Amity to evolve in our math curriculum to better meet the needs of Amity students to successfully meet future challenges.

Orange AMSO Parent:

Parent shares that the entire 7th grade student body at both middle schools have yet to receive chrome books. Parent raises concern that the 7th grade is currently in a tech heavy rotation without the necessary devices.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

None

6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

- 1. **ACES**
- 2. **Ad Hoc School Start Time Committee**
- 3. **CABE**
- 4. **Communications**
- 5. **Curriculum**
- 6. **District Health and Safety**
- 7. **District Technology**
 - a. **Monthly Report**
- 8. **Facilities**
 - a. **Monthly Report**
- 9. **Finance**

- a. **Presentation and Discussion of Second Quarter 2025 Executive Summary Review of Amity Pension Fund, Sick and Severance Account, and OPEB Trust**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- b. **Digital Budget Book Presentation**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- c. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

- i. **Special Education Update**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas and Amity Region 5 Director of Pupil Services Thomas Brant

- 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 of \$3,000 or More**

MOTION by Sean Hartshorn, SECOND by Carla Eichler to approve the following budget transfer for special education services:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-1208-5111	Certified Salaries	\$15,260	
04-12-6130-5560	Tuition	\$14,965	
04-12-1207-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$30,225

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

- f. **Other**

i. Audit Progress

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

10. **Policy**

11. **Personnel**

a. Personnel Report

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

7. NEW BUSINESS

MOTION by Dana Lombardi, SECOND by Dr. Carol Oladele to move the 09-08-25 Personnel meeting to start five minutes after the end of the Regular BOE meeting.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by September 30, 2025

9. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 7:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary