

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, February 02, 2026, 6:00 pm

25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Paul Davis, Jennifer Blando Jacquet* attended online via zoom, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Meghan Rabuse, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank, Donna Schuster, Christian Young, Cathy Bradley* arrived at 6:22 p.m., Autumn Cloud-Ingram* attended online via zoom, arrived at approximately 6:20 p.m.

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shreya Viswanathan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Shannan Carlson, Theresa Lumas

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:03 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 – January 12, 2026

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECOND by Dana Lombardi to approve January 12, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Davis, Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Rabuse, Reed, Schuster, Young)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Schlank)

MOTION CARRIES

4. RECESS

Chairperson Davis called a recess from 6:07 p.m. - 7:13 p.m. for a special joint AFC BOE budget meeting.

5. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

Presented by Board of Education student representatives Shreya Viswanathan

6. PRESENTATION OF ARHS LIBRARY MEDIA CENTER DESIGN PLANS - Silver Petrucelli

7. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVAL OF ARHS LMC DESIGN PLANS

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Dr. Karunakaran to approve the ARHS LMC Design Plans.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

8. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Superintendent Report

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

9. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

Presented by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

Jennifer Blando Jacquet and Autumn Cloud-Ingram dismissed from zoom prior to entering executive session.

10. SUPERINTENDENT MID- YEAR REVIEW (Executive Session anticipated)

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Cathy Bradley to enter executive session and invite Dr. Byars to join.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 13 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

The Board enters Executive Session at 7:41 p.m.

The Board exits Executive Session at 8:53 p.m.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment will be limited to those items noticed in this agenda

12. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by February 28, 2026

13. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:54 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary