

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5

*Bethany Orange Woodbridge
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, Connecticut 06525*

*Dr. Jennifer P. Byars
Superintendent of Schools*

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

**Monday, February 23 2026, 6:00 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**
2. **PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE**
3. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**
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4. **RECESS**
5. **STUDENT REPORT**
 - a. Monthly Report
6. **SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT**
 - a. Superintendent Report
7. **PUBLIC COMMENT** – Public Comment will be limited to those items noticed in this agenda
8. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by February 27, 2026**
9. **ADJOURNMENT**

In the event of a school cancellation due to inclement weather, this meeting will be conducted virtually.

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Members of the public can submit their comments to be added to the public record by emailing the [Clerk of the Board of Education](#) prior to 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting. These comments will be summarized by the Committee Chairperson in the place so designated in the agenda for the meeting. The public may also email the [Clerk of the Board](#) by 2:00 pm on the day of the meeting and request to speak during public comment as noted on the agenda. Those members of the public making such request will be provided with the information necessary to join the meeting electronically to provide public comment. Amity Regional School District No. 5 shall provide any member of the public with a physical location and the electronic equipment needed to attend a fully remote meeting in real-time. Members of the public must request this provision by emailing the [Clerk of the Board of Education](#) by the close of the last business day before the day of the fully remote meeting.



Jennifer P. Byars, Ed.D.
Superintendent of Schools

pc: Town Clerks Bethany, Orange, Woodbridge

***Working to "enable every Amity student to become a lifelong learner
and a literate, caring, creative and effective world citizen."***

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District Mission Statement

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AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING AGENDA

Monday, February 09, 2026 6:30 pm

25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Jennifer Blando Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Meghan Rabuse, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank, Donna Schuster* arrived at 6:40 p.m., Christian Young

BOARD MEMBERS JOINING ONLINE VIA ZOOM

Autumn Cloud-Ingram, Dr. Oladele

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shreya Viswanathan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Shannan Carlson, Theresa Lumas, Dr. Tracy, Kathy Burke, Andre Hauser

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 – February 02, 2026

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECOND by Donna Schlank to approve February 02, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

ARHS Student

Raised a variety of concerns regarding the use of AI in educational settings and the dangers/ conflicts that may be present.

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Orange Parent

Praised the quality of education of the Amity Region 5 School District and urged the Board to pass the budget in order to maintain the quality education of the Amity Region 5 School District.

ARHS Faculty and Orange Resident

Spoke in opposition to the change in graduation requirements for the Physical Education program and the transfer of one PE teacher at the high school to the middle school.

ARHS Faculty

Spoke in opposition to the change in graduation requirements for the Physical Education program and the transfer of one PE teacher at the high school to the middle school.

ARHS Alum

Spoke in opposition to the change in graduation requirements for the Physical Education program. Speaker attributed a good deal of her success as a D1 athlete and her development of healthy habits to her experiences at ARHS.

AMSB Faculty and Parent

Spoke in opposition to the proposed schedule change at the middle school.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Presented by Amity Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Dana Lombardi

6. MIDDLE SCHOOL SCHEDULE PRESENTATION

Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars, Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shannan Carlson, AMSB Principal Dr. Tracy, AMSO Principal Kathy Burke

7. PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION OF THE SUPERINTENDENT’S PROPOSED 2026-2027 BUDGET

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

8. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

a. Committee Reports

- 1. **ACES**
- 2. **Ad Hoc School Start Time**
- 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. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

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

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

10. **Personnel**

a. **Personnel Report**

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

9. NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Led by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

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

11. ADJOURNMENT

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary