

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.

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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

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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