

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Monday, April 06, 2026 6:30 pm – Immediately Following the Public Budget Hearing
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Autumn Cloud-Ingram, Paul Davis, Jennifer Blando Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Michael McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Meghan Rabuse, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank, Donna Schuster, Christian Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Bradley

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shreya Viswanathan

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Shannan Carlson, Theresa Lumas, Marissa Nall, Sarah Sharkey, Laura Hamilton, Xia Feng and Andrea Drewry

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:42 p.m.

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECOND by Michael McDonough to amend the agenda to include agenda item 9.b.iii. Infrastructure Hardware- Servers and 9.c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements moving all finance agenda items down from there.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Board of Education Special Meeting – March 23, 2026

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Dr. Karunakaran to approve March 23, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

ARHS Student:

Student spoke in favor of the addition of a new AP course titled Business and Personal Finance.

ARHS Student:

Students spoke on the budget surplus and a request for paper towels in the bathroom.

5. CORRESPONDENCE

Presented by Amity Board of Education Secretary Mrs. Dana Lombardi

6. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

Please hold June 6, 2026 for a Board Retreat.

a. Committee Reports

1. **ACES**
2. **Ad Hoc School Start Time**
3. **CABE**
4. **Communications**
5. **Curriculum**

a. **Discussion and Possible Action on the Approval of Revised Curricula**

- i. [7th Grade Social Studies](#)
- ii. [Latin II](#)

Presented by Amity Region 5 Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shannan Carlson, AMSB 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Marissa Nall, AMSO 7th Grade Social Studies Teacher, Jessica Sharkey, ARHS Latin Teacher Laura Hamilton and ARHS World Language Department Chair Xia Feng.

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECOND by Jennifer Jacquet to approve the Revised Curricula for 7th Grade Social Studies and Latin II.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

b. [Middle School Schedule Update](#)

Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars and Amity Region 5 Assistant Superintendent of Schools Dr. Shannan Carlson

6. **District Health and Safety**
7. **District Technology**
 - a. Monthly Report
8. **Facilities**
 - a. Monthly Report

Chairperson Paul Davis left at 8:22 p.m. and turned the meeting over the Vice Chair Patrick Reed. Dr. Karunakaran Stepped out of the meeting from 8:22 p.m. until 8:25 p.m.

9. **Finance**

a. **Discussion and Possible Action on Healthy Food Certification**

MOTION by Jennifer Jacquet, SECOND by Meghan Rabuse, to approve all sales of food items will comply with the C.G.S. Section 10-215f as stated below.

Pursuant to C.G.S. Section 10-215f, the Amity Regional School District No. 5 certifies that all food items offered for sale to students in the schools under its jurisdiction, and not exempted from the Connecticut Nutrition Standards published by the Connecticut State Department of Education, will comply with the Connecticut Nutrition Standards during the period of July 1, 2026, through June 30, 2027. This certification shall include all food offered for sale to students separately from reimbursable meals at all times and from all sources, including

but not limited to school stores, vending machines, school cafeterias, culinary programs, and any fundraising activities on school premises sponsored by the school or non-school organizations and groups.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (UNANIMOUS)

NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE, 1 (Dr. Karunakaran)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECOND by Michael McDonough to approve the exemption of food and beverage items sold at events as stated below.

The Amity Regional School District No. 5 will allow the sale to students of food items that do not meet the Connecticut Nutrition Standards and beverages not listed in Section 10-221q of the Connecticut General Statutes provided that the following conditions are met: 1) the sale is in connection with an event occurring after the end of the regular school day or on the weekend; 2) the sale is at the location of the event; and 3) the food and beverage items are not sold from a vending machine or school store. An “event” is an occurrence that involves more than just a regularly scheduled practice, meeting, or extracurricular activity. For example, soccer games, school plays, and interscholastic debates are events but soccer practices, play rehearsals, and debate team meetings are not. The “regular school day” is the period from midnight before to 30 minutes after the end of the official school day. “Location” means where the event is being held and must be the same place as the food and beverage sales.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 8 (Cloud-Ingram, Jacquet, Lombardi, McDonough, Rabuse, Reed, Schlank, Young)

ABSTAIN, 2 (Dr. Oladele, Schuster)

NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE, 1 (Dr. Karunakaran)

MOTION CARRIES

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Contracts over \$35,000

i. Fire Suppression Inspection and Testing Services

ii. Trash and Recycling Removal Services

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECOND by Donna Schlank to approve:

The inspection of the fire suppression system to Encore Fire Protection, a 3-year contract totaling \$57,280. The first year of a three-year contract at the price of \$18,560. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract if Encore Fire Protection, Inc., fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.

A three-year contract for the Trash and Recycling Removal Services to All American Waste, LLC at a price of \$140,079 not including extra charges for additional pickups. Next year is year one, it is priced \$46,693. The Board reserves the right to cancel the contract if All American Waste, LLC fails to perform in a satisfactory manner.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

iii. Infrastructure Hardware- Servers

MOTION by Dr. Oladele, SECOND by Michael McDonough to approve the purchase of 5 servers from Vancord through the OMNIA consortium bid at a cost of \$264,808.48.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

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 over \$3,000

MOTION by Autumn Cloud-Ingram, SECOND by Jennifer Blando Jacquet to approve all 4 special education transfers:

For transportation services required under McKinney-Vento.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6130-5560	Tuition – Private Out	\$3,000	
05-14-2700-5512	Transportation – Vo-Ag		\$3,000

For special education services provided at Vo-Ag/Magnet Schools the District is responsible to support.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-12-6130-5560	Tuition – Private Out	\$18,100	
04-12-6111-5560	Tuition – Vo-Ag/Magnet		\$18,100

For homebound services.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
04-15-1204-5111	Certified Salaries	\$ 9,000	
04-15-1204-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$9,000

For professional teaching services to cover a vacant position.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
01-13-2140-5111	Certified Salaries	\$ 6,920	
04-12-1203-5111	Professional Technical Services	\$15,488	
04-12-6110-5560	Tuition – Public Out	\$20,592	
04-12-1206-5330	Professional Technical Services		\$43,000

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MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Dr. Karunakaran, SECOND by Meghan Rabuse to approve the following facilities transfers:

For snowplowing, salting and sanding services.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency - Facilities	\$46,661	
02-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$ 7,149
03-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$39,512

For backstop fence repairs for baseball and softball at the high school.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
05-14-2600-5715	Contingency - Facilities	\$5,408	
03-14-2600-5720	Improvements to Sites		\$5,408

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MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Dana Lombardi, SECOND by Dr. Oladele to approve the following facilities transfers for furniture for chorus risers at Amity Middle School Orange.

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
02-11-1010-5731	Equipment – Replacement	\$1,767	
02-11-1010-5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 30	
02-13-2120-5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 2,300	
02-13-2400-5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 2,063	
02-13-2400-5731	Equipment-Replacement	\$ 161	
02-13-2120-5590	Other Purchase Services	\$ 650	
02-13-2400-5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 599	
02-11-1010-5730	Furniture- New		\$ 7,570

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- f. **Other**
 - i. **Food Service Update**
 - ii. **CNR Quarterly Report**
 - iii. **Educational Expenditure Reserve Quarterly Report**
 - iv. **Grants Quarterly Report**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

10. **Policy**

a. **Second Reads**

- i. **Policy 2151 - Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Staff**

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Christian Young to approve Policy 2151 – Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Staff.

Michael McDonough rescinds the motion to approve Policy 2151 – Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Staff.

MOTION by Michael McDonough, SECOND by Dr. Oladele to return Policy 2151 – Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Staff to the policy committee for further review and discussion.

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MOTION CARRIES

11. **Personnel**

a. **Personnel Report**

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

7. NEW BUSINESS & ANNOUNCEMENTS

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by April 30, 2026

9. ADJOURNMENT

Vice Chairperson Reed adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 9:13 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary