

AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Monday, August 17, 2026, 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Cathy Bradley, Paul Davis, Dr. Karunakaran, Dana Lombardi, Meghan Rabuse, Patrick Reed, Donna Schuster

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Cloud-Ingram, Jacquet, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Schlank, Young

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Shreya Viswanathan and Luca DiSorbo

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 6:42 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Led by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

a. Board of Education Special Meeting - June 22, 2026

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECONDED by Cathy Bradley to approve June 22, 2026 minutes as submitted.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 6 (Davis, Dr. Karunakaran, Lombardi, Rabuse, Reed, Schuster)

ABSTAIN, 1 (Bradley)

MOTION CARRIES

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

a. Superintendent Report

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed 2026-2027 BOE Meeting and Committee Dates

Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars. No action needed.

6. CORRESPONDENCE

None

7. 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 of 2027-2028 Budget Calendar**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- b. **Presentation of Annual Report on Reserve Funds for Capital and Non-recurring Expenditures and Educational Expenditures**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- c. **Discussion and Possible Action on Designation of Unexpended Funds to the Reserve Fund for Educational Expenditures**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Superintendent of Schools Dr. Jennifer Byars and Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas. No action taken. The item will be considered at the September 2026 Board of Education meeting.

- d. **Discussion and Possible Action on ARHS -LMC Revised Cost Estimate Recommendations to the Amity Board of Education**

MOTION by Meghan Rabuse, SECONDED by Donna Schhuster to approve a budget increase up to \$300,000 for the revised cost estimate for construction and FF&E, at a total budget of \$3,452,596 for the ARHS library media center renovation project inclusive of adjoining classrooms, and offices using the funds are currently designated in the Reserve for Educational Expense Account for library media center projects.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (UNANIMOUS)

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- e. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statement**
 - i. **Fiscal Year 2025-2026**
 - ii. **Fiscal Year 2026-2027**
 - iii. **Special Education Update FY27 by Mr. Brant**

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

- f. **Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers EOY – FY26**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- g. **Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers under \$3,000 -FY27**

Presented by Amity Region 5 Director of Finance Theresa Lumas

- 10. **Policy**
 - a. **Second Reads**
 - i. **Policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline**
 - ii. **Policy 6146.1 Grading/Assessment Systems**

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECONDED by Dr. Karunakaran to approve Policy 5131 Conduct and Discipline, with suggested edits, and Policy 6146.1 Grading/ Assessment Systems.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 7 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

11. **Personnel**

a. **Personnel Report**

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

8. **NEW BUSINESS**

Led by Amity Board of Education Chair Paul Davis

9. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by August 31, 2026**

10. **ADJOURNMENT**

Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting, without objection, at 8:33 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Lisa Zaleski

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BOE Recording Secretary