AMITY REGIONAL BOARD OF EDUCATION SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Monday, October 19, 2026 6:30 pm
25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT
Lecture Hall

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Autumn Cloud-Ingram, Paul Davis, Jennifer Blando Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, Michael McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Meghan Rabuse, Patrick Reed, Donna Schlank, Schuster* (arrived at 6:45 p.m.), Christian Young

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT
Bradley, Lombardi

STUDENT BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT
Shreya Viswanathan and Luca DiSorbo

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT
Dr. Jennifer Byars, Dr. Shannan Carlson, Theresa Lumas, Andrea Drewry, Xia Feng, Chiung-Chun Chen, Jill LaPlante, Ernie Goodwin, Stephen Martoni

1. CALL TO ORDER
Chairperson Davis called the meeting to order at 6:35 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 – October 05, 2026

MOTION by Autumn Cloud- Ingram, SECONDED by Patrick Reed to approve Board of Education Regular Meeting Minutes October 05, 2026, with suggested edits.
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (UNANIMOUS)
NOT PRESENT FOR VOTE, 1 (Dr. Oladele)
MOTION CARRIES

4. STUDENT REPORT
a. **Monthly Report**

Presented by Board of Education student representatives Shreya Viswanathan (High School) and Luca DiSorbo (Middle School)

5. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT
a. Presentation of ODAAC Survey 2025 Overview – Ms. Bunnell and Esinkumo Ambaiowei, Orange Youth Services, ODAAC
b. Superintendent Report
c. Athletics Update – Mr. Goodwin

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT
a. Curriculum Committee
1. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON APPROVING NEW COURSE PROPOSALS**
i. Artificial Intelligence: Tools, Concepts and Ethics

ii. **AP Cybersecurity**

MOTION by Christian Young, SECONDED by Donna Schlank to approve new course proposals: Artificial Intelligence: Tools, Concepts and Ethics and AP Cybersecurity.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

2. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON ADOPTION OF CURRICULA**

i. Musical Theater
ii. UCONN Chinese ECE
iii. UCONN Chemistry ECE

MOTION by Autumn Cloud- Ingram, SECONDED by Jennifer Blando Jacquet to approve new courses Musical Theatre, UCONN Chinese ECE, UCONN Chemistry ECE.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

b. Facilities Committee Presentation

1. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON RECOMMENDING PROJECTS FOR APPROVAL AND BONDING VIA REFERENDUM IN MAY 2027**

i. Middle School HVAC
ii. Middle School Roofs
iii. Middle School Library Media Center
iv. Middle School Athletic Fields

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECONDED by Autumn Cloud- Ingram to approve the Administration move forward with planning the replacement of the HVAC systems at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $9,164,787 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $9,055,732.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Donna Schlank, SECONDED by Meghan Rabuse to approve the Administration move forward with planning the restoration of the roofs using a 30-year warranty roof retrofit at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $3,439,380 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $3,187,611.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Dr. Oladele, SECONDED by Michael McDonough to approve the Administration move forward with planning the renovation of the library media centers at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $1,584,957 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $1,661,270.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (UNANIMOUS)

MOTION CARRIES

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECONDED by Michael McDonough to approve the Administration move forward with planning the installation of an all-weather field at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $3,900,000 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $3,700,000.

MOTION by Donna Schuster, SECONDED by Dr. Oladele to approve the Administration move forward with planning the installation of both an all-weather field at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $3,900,000

and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $3,700,000 and a grass field Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $2,900,000 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $2,900,000.

VOTES IN FAVOR, 1 (Schuster)
*VOTES OPPOSED, 10 (*Cloud-Ingram, Davis, Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, McDonough, Dr. Oladele, Rabuse, Reed, Schlank, Young)
MOTION FAILS

MOTION by Patrick Reed, SECONDED by Michael McDonough to approve the Administration move forward with planning the installation of an all-weather field at Amity Middle School Bethany at the cost of $3,900,000 and at Amity Middle School Orange at the cost of $3,700,000.
*VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (*Cloud-Ingram, Davis, Jacquet, Dr. Karunakaran, McDonough, Rabuse, Reed, Schlank, Young)
VOTES OPPOSED, 1 (Schuster)
ABSTAIN, 1 (Dr. Oladele)
MOTION CARRIES

7. PUBLIC COMMENT – Public Comment will be limited to those items noticed in this agenda
None

8. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING AGENDA – Due to Chairperson by October 30, 2026
Dr. Byars noted that the November Special BOE Meeting is rescheduled for November 23, 2026 beginning at 6:00 pm.

9. ADJOURNMENT
Chairperson Davis adjourned the meeting at 8:43 p.m. without objection.

Respectfully submitted,
Lisa Zaleski
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BOE Recording Secretary