**MINUTES**

***AMITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:***
Julie Altman, William Blake, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling

***AMITY BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:***
Christopher Browe, Steven DeMaio, John Grasso, James Horwitz

***Staff Members Present:*** John Brady, Charles Britton; Pua Ford

***Also Present:*** Marie McPadden, Monica Kreuzer [krū′ zer]; Mr. Britton the Younger

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A special meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education was held on Thursday, June 14, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the Presentation Room at the District Offices.

1. **Call to Order:** Bill Blake called the meeting to order at 6:32 p.m. The Pledge of Allegiance was recited by those present. Bill introduced the business of the meeting and described Personnel meetings that had that had preceded tonight's. He asked John Brady to introduce the candidates.

2. **Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of Director of Curriculum and Staff Development**.
Marie McPadden currently works in the Redding/Easton/Region 9 school district and so knows about working with interlocking districts. The interview committee of principals and teachers unanimously recommended her for this position. New state initiatives in curriculum and teacher evaluation were key in this search.

*Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Marie McPadden to the position of Director of Curriculum and Staff Development with a start date of July 2, 2012 at a salary of $133,855 (Sue Cohen, 2d Rita Gedansky).*
*Discussion:* Sue Cohen remarked on the candidate's experience and qualifications, the similarity of regional districts 9 and 5. Ms. McPadden expects to complete her doctorate in Education next year.
*Vote in favor: Julie Altman, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling*
*Vote opposed: none*
*Abstain: none* ***Motion passed.***

3. **Discussion and Possible Action on Appointment of High School Assistant Principal**
The search committee interviewed four internal candidates, then six external. Monica Kreuzer is currently assistant principal at Watertown High School had experience in teaching science and biology. She has a strong academic background in many areas. John said that Amity will need "all hands on deck" for the coming update of teacher evaluation. Ms. Kreuzer is equipped for the nuts and bolts of the role.

*Motion to approve the Superintendent's recommendation to appoint Monica Kreuzer to the position of Assistant Principal (200 days) at Amity High School at step 3 ($106,340) with a start date to be determined (Rita Gedansky, 2d Thomas Hurley).*
*Discussion:* Bill Blake agreed that Ms. Kreuzer would be a strong addition to the high school. Charles Britton said she "knocked the socks off" the search committee, that she has a deep

understanding of teaching and learning, as well as how a facility is run. Sue Cohen noted her experience in the traditional disciplinary duties of an assistant principal. Tom Hurley expressed appreciation for her experience in evaluating teachers in a broad range of topics.

*Vote in favor: Julie Altman, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling*
*Vote opposed: none*
*Abstain: none* ***Motion passed.***

**4. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 6:40 a.m. (Thomas Hurley, 2d Patricia Cardozo).*
*Approval unanimous.* ***Motion passed; meeting adjourned.***

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita Gedansky, secretary
Pua Ford, recording clerk pro tem