

MINUTES

**AMITY BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT:** Julie Altman, William Blake, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Steven DeMaio, Rita Gedansky, John A. Grasso, Jr., James Horwitz, Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling

**AMITY BOARD MEMBER ABSENT:** none

**Staff Members Present:** John Brady, Charles Britton, Paula Cofrancesco, Kathleen Fuller Cutler, Richard Dellinger, Kevin Keller, Jack Levine, Marianne Lippard, Terry Lumas, Paul Mengold, Rocco Palmieri, Mary Raiola, Jim Saisa, Sheila Wycinowski

**Also Present:** Russ Adair, Mark Chapman, Patricia Coffey, Emma Bogush, Natalie Booth, Matthew DiBuduo, Thomas Falcigno, Matthew Giglietti, Jordan Gorelick, Graham Hughes, Ilene Kramer, James Leahy, Sheila McCreven, Sandy Stein, James Zeoli; other members of the Public; members of the Press

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A regular meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, March 13, 2012, at 6:30 p.m. in the cafeteria at Amity Regional High School.

1. **Call to Order:** William Blake called the meeting to order at 6:37 p.m.
2. **Pledge of Allegiance** was recited by those present.
3. **Recognition of 2012 Superintendent's Award Winners**  
Charles Britton, Richard Dellinger and Kathleen Fuller Cutler introduced the award recipients from their respective schools. The recipients from the High School are Patricia Coffey and Matthew DiBuduo. The award winners from Amity Middle School in Bethany are Emma Bogush and Jordan Gorelick. At Amity Middle School in Orange, Natalie Booth and Graham Hughes received the 2012 award.

Mr. Blake congratulated the students on behalf of the Board.

*Motion to move Public Comment to Item #4 on the agenda* (Mr. Hurley, 2d Ms. Gedansky).

*Vote in favor unanimous.*

***Motion passed.***

4. **Public Comment**  
Sheila McCreven presented a petition asking the Board to consider naming the auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady. She said that the petition contains over 100 names. She said that he is beloved within the community for his dedication to Amity.

Russ Adair said that he has had two children graduate from Amity and wanted to speak in favor of naming the auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady for a number of reasons. Dr. Brady was able to effectively handle tough financial problems. People had said that money could be saved by having no auditorium. Dr. Brady was against that idea. Some people have said that without Dr. Brady, the school wouldn't have an auditorium. Dr. Brady is a strong supporter of academics, athletics and the arts. The reputation of Amity has improved the real estate market here. Dr. Brady was also instrumental in bringing in Rob Kennedy, who he described as a fantastic teacher. He asked the Board to give strong consideration to this idea and honor Dr. Brady.

Matthew Giglietti, a member of the Amity Finance Committee, spoke in favor of naming the auditorium after Dr. Brady. In 2002, when the former finance director resigned, there were problems. The communities were angry and rejected 17 consecutive budgets. Each town's Board of Finance came together to run the school system for one year. The superintendent's office was like a revolving door, with interim superintendents filling in. The field of candidates for the job was poor since the new superintendent would have to deal with problems, including air quality lawsuits. Dr. Brady was sought out by a consultant and he hired Jack Levine. Audits were completed on time. Academics, athletics and the arts were stressed and now test scores have never been higher. Students are thriving. The auditorium had been boarded up and the air quality was so poor that people were getting sick. In 2006, a national air quality award was received. The school puts on phenomenal programs. He feels that Dr. Brady is the most important superintendent ever to serve at Amity.

Sandy Stein spoke in favor of naming the auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady. Her daughters were artistic and she said that Dr. Brady brought a balance to Amity.

Ilene Kramer praised the diversity of programs at Amity. Athletes are also involved with the arts. The arts offer an opportunity for bright students to gain a well-rounded experience. Mary L. Tracy was honored when she was alive. She feels that she represents the sentiments of a number of people from Orange.

James Zeoli, Orange First Selectman, said that he didn't come to talk about the John Brady Theater, but had a few comments to make concerning the naming of the auditorium. The first selectmen from the three towns all received an e-mail and he responded that he doesn't have any problems with the naming of the auditorium. He has seen several shows in the auditorium and enjoyed them. He feels it isn't necessary to wait until someone dies to honor them. People aren't always going to agree. There was controversy over the naming of the athletic complex. Some people were happy, some sad, but we got through it. The Board should step up and act on it.

Mr. Zeoli said that the real reason for being at the meeting is to talk about money. Just because you're going to float a bond that doesn't mean that all of a sudden everything is up for grabs. If you can get 40 years of use out of bleachers, put them on the bond. New things ended up on the bond. He did not see scaling back, but more spending. He is looking for compromise. He went through the Amity budget and saw a hole of over \$600,000. There was \$344,000 set aside for roof repairs. Teachers were praised for taking a hard freeze. Self-insured health insurance is being pursued. He is not sure how using the \$344,000 is going turn out long term. He also has questions about how much money will be held in an account for the self-insurance fund. It should be between 22 percent and 25 percent in reserves. Bethany's share of the increase is smaller, and Woodbridge's is going down. There is new economic development in Orange, with \$923,000 in new tax dollars. He just sees shuffling here. He credited Ms. Altman and Ms. Cardozo for trying not to expand the focus of the bond. He can't see why any Orange member would support the Amity budget. Orange has two elementary schools needing roofs and ventilators.

James Leahy, vice chairman of the Orange Board of Finance, said that he shared his concerns already with the Finance Committee. In Orange, 99.1 percent of the increase in fiscal year 2011-2012 went to Amity. The Amity budget increases yet enrollments are decreasing. He researched the last seven years and Amity has run a surplus of over \$500,000 during that time. It was actually an average of \$853,000. He urged the Board to think about that when voting. In Bethany there is a 12.7 percent decrease in enrollment, yet there is a \$1.4 million increase projected. He would be happy to share this data.

Sheila McCreven, a member of the Woodbridge Board of Education Finance Committee, said the timing of expense can affect how the numbers are interpreted if you isolate the exact day that you have a surplus. You can't run an excellent school system continually cutting budgets. People in these communities want excellence. Balance is important. The community supports the Board and would like to see a responsible budget.

**5. Robotics Demonstration**

The Board went to the Presentation Room to see what the Robotics Team has been working on. Several students demonstrated. Mr. Blake wished the team members well.

**6. Presentation of Social Robotics Research Program**

Bethany Technology Teacher Kevin Berean talked about the Social Robotics Research Program. The program allows students to do scholarly research. An application and research proposal were accepted by the Aldebaran Robotics Educational Partnership Program. The robots that students work with can speak multiple languages and have recognition features. Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) connect with arts and humanities. Students can explore robot interaction.

*Discussion:*

Mr. Stirling asked if there are robotics clubs at the elementary schools. Robotics is included in the curriculum at the middle school level. Every student leaves with robotics experience. Dr. Brady noted that Bethany has a robotics club. Ms. Fuller Cutler said that the Orange elementary schools have robotics.

Ms. Russo said that it sounds as though this program will be segregated to Amity Middle School in Bethany. Mr. Berean said that the cost of a robot is \$8,000.

Dr. Brady said that this is a pilot program. If it is successful, the program will be brought to Orange. Mr. Berean said plans are to eventually bring this educational experience throughout the curriculum. He recommended that Orange also has a robo

Mr. Hurley asked if this is in the budget for next year. Dr. Brady said that it is not.

Mr. Berean said that he feels privileged to work at Amity and this opportunity allows the students to be exceptional. Students can't begin conducting research early enough.

**7. Presentation and Discussion of Enrollment Projection Report**

Donald G. Kennedy, Ed.D. , an associate in Planning/Management with the New England School Development Council (NESDEC), provided an update on the comprehensive analysis that he is working on concerning enrollment in the District. Enrollment is declining and the data that he is gathering will help shape the future of Amity.

Dr. Kennedy said that NESCEC is very experienced in projecting future enrollment. These studies have been performed for between 50 and 75 schools throughout the state.

Looking at the current figures, there are 434 students in the senior class, whereas in elementary school there were 403 students. Typically, about five percent of students leave at the end of eighth grade. At Amity, there is more immigration than students leaving. Projections will be the most accurate going out two, three and four years. The best you can get is a 1 percent variance year to year. Projections haven't been done for Amity in about 10 years. The numbers that he has at this point need to be recalculated, since outplaced special education students and a few outplaced students weren't included.

*Discussion:*

Dr. Brady said that the research will be useful for future planning.

Mr. Stirling said that the data shows that the decrease is most noticeable in the elementary schools. Amity will start to feel that shift years out. When the real estate market improves, the elementary schools will be the first to see the effect.

Dr. Kennedy said that most people resist moving as their children get older. Projections are difficult in kindergarten and ninth grade.

Mr. Horwitz said that the numbers appear to be concrete, but can shift.

**8. Presentation of the CAFE Award of Excellence for Educational Communications**

Sheila McCreven presented the CAFE Award of Excellence for Educational Communications. She noted that the Amity District calendar was recognized for showcasing the wonderful artwork of the High School students.

**9. Approval of Minutes**

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting, February 13, 2012  
*Motion to approve these minutes as presented* (Mr. DeMaio, 2d Ms. Cohen).  
*Discussion:* Mr. DeMaio offered an addition under Public Comment.  
*Vote in favor unanimous. Motion passed.*

**10. Student Report**

Thomas Falcigno reported that the Student Government Food Drive is taking place from March 19, 2012 to April 1, 2012. CAPT Testing is taking place and he wished luck to the sophomores. He wished good luck to the athletes on the spring sports teams. The Junior Prom will be held on May 5. The Billy Joel tribute band Big Shot will be playing soon. The Amity Regional High School Theater Department will be presenting *Legally Blonde*. More information about performances is available at the Drama Department's website.

**11. Announcements from the Board and Administration**

Dr. Brady reported that Amity has a number of semifinalists for National Merit Scholars. This is the largest pool of finalists Amity has ever had.

**12. Correspondence**

- a. Amity Middle School, Bethany, Among Top-Performing Schools in the Governor's 2011 Summer Reading Challenge  
A letter was received congratulating Amity Middle School for this honor.
- b. Letters Regarding Naming of the High School Auditorium  
Mr. Blake noted that he received many letters supporting naming the auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady. Woodbridge First Selectman Edward Sheehy said the selectmen voted unanimously to support naming the auditorium.

Ms. Cohen said that the response has been heartwarming.

*Motion to amend the agenda to discuss naming the Amity Regional High School auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady (Mr. Cardozo, 2d Ms. Gedansky).*

*Discussion:*

Mr. Hurley said that speaking as a member of the Policy Committee, there were big problems before with naming athletic facilities at the High School. The motion is out of order according to the policy.

Mr. Blake said that the naming could be considered.

Ms. Russo said that while she supports the public sentiment, the Board owes it to the Policy Committee to wait. Doing this out of order is a surprise. It is not on the agenda. She would prefer to defer to the Facilities Committee. She opposes the amendment.

*Vote in favor:* Julie Altman, William Blake, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, James Horwitz

*Vote opposed:* Christopher Browe, Steven DeMaio, John Grasso, Jr., Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling

***Motion passed.***

*Motion to suspend Facilities Policy and name the auditorium in honor of Dr. Brady (Ms. Cardozo, 2d Ms. Gedansky).*

*Discussion:*

Mr. Stirling said that he will vote against suspending the policy.

Mr. Hurley said that this gives the wrong signal to the community that the Board hasn't followed the proper process.

Mr. Blake said that the Board should be able to vote on every issue that comes before it.

Ms. Cardozo said that the Facilities Committee could not agree to go forward with naming the auditorium.

Mr. Hurley said that according to the Policy, six months is needed; not enough time has passed since this issue was first raised. This is violating a policy that was just put in place.

Ms. Cohen said the six month time period is arbitrary.

Ms. Russo said that everyone had an opportunity to contact Mr. Blake to put this topic on the agenda. The fact that people have come out in support of this is okay, but she feels members of the Board have been sandbagged. There is a policy and a process. This could have been added to the agenda. This is setting a precedent. The Board packet was received on Friday afternoon. She views this as an abuse of the process.

Mr. DeMaio said that when Dr. Brady retires, he would be the first to want to do this the proper way. He still has work to complete. He will vote against this at this time. He contacted CAFE and was advised to wait.

Ms. Cohen said that she does not feel that Dr. Brady isn't going to do his job because of this. She does not see the timing as arbitrary. She would like to have more of a consensus.

Mr. Browe said that there is a reason that boards have policies and committees are established. There is a reason why agendas are written ahead of time. He has not discussed this with one person yet.

Ms. Altman said that there were over 100 signatures on a petition asking that the auditorium be named in Dr. Brady's honor. Dr. Brady's leadership is unprecedented.

Mr. Hurley said that it is nice that the community got together to gather signatures, but this wasn't on the agenda. If someone wants to get something through this Board, they know they just have to get it in late.

*Vote in favor:* Julie Altman, William Blake, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Rita Gedansky, James Horwitz

*Vote opposed:* Christopher Browe, Steven DeMaio, John Grasso, Jr., Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling

Mr. Blake apologized to Dr. Brady for the debate and controversy, but in the community there has been no controversy. Everyone has spoken to honor Dr. Brady in this matter. He wished the vote could have been unanimous.

Dr. Brady said that he considers the discussions to be democracy in action.

### **13. Superintendent's Report**

- a. Personnel Report  
There was no discussion.

### **14. Chairman's Report**

- a. Committee Reports
  - 1. ACES – There was no discussion.
  - 2. CAFE – Mr. Stirling mentioned a website.
  - 3. Curriculum – There was no discussion.

4. Facilities – There was no discussion.
5. Finance

a. **Discussion and Possible Action to Re-Designate Funds from the Capital & Nonrecurring Account for Specified Capital Projects**

A memo dated February 12, 2012 from Dr. John J. Brady to the Amity Board of Education and Amity Finance Committee Members contained six possible motions. The motions were taken together, with the exception of #4, concerning the new visitor bleachers for Stadium Field.

*Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated for natural gas conversion at the High School for \$120,000, plus or minus; Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated to re-sod the crown of the football field at the High School for \$15,000; Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated for asphalt sealing and repairs and sidewalk repairs at the High School for \$27,000, plus or minus; Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated for the replacement of 105 computers for \$81,501; Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated for the replacement of three servers for \$27,113.20 (Mr. Horwitz, 2d Ms. Cardozo).*

*Vote in favor:* Julie Altman, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Steven DeMaio, Rita Gedansky, John A. Grasso, Jr., James Horwitz, Thomas Hurley, James Stirling

*Vote opposed:* Tracey Lane Russo      **Motion passed.**

*Move that funds currently designated for the Amity High School roof restoration project be re-designated for new visitor bleachers for the Stadium Field for \$76,000, plus or minus (Mr. Stirling, 2d Ms. Gedansky).*

*Discussion:*

Mr. Horwitz said that he does not feel that visitor bleachers are needed since the other bleachers have a seating capacity of 900 and their usually only one-half to two-thirds full. There are other uses for the money, such as a garage to replace trailers on the High School property or a fitness trail. The money can be better spent on something else.

Mr. Hurley questioned why this wasn't included with the bond, which would seem to make more sense.

Ms. Cardozo said that generally items under \$100,000 should not be bonded. Also, if we can pay for the bleachers, they can be put in place before graduation.

Ms. Russo said that she doesn't feel that bleachers are the best use of the money. A garage would be preferable.

Mr. Stirling said that he appreciates the views shared by Mr. Horwitz and others, but the Board was advised of the need for bleachers by experts.

Mr. DeMaio said that he feels that the new bleachers should go up so that visitors can sit separately to reduce the need for more police officers at games.

Mr. Horwitz said that he doesn't see the value in spending this much money to keep fans separated. It does not seem to be the best use of money. At many colleges, fans can sit peacefully together. If two to three years from now, Amity has a lot more money to work with, bleachers can be added. Bleachers offering storage underneath would be preferable.

*Vote in favor:* Julie Altman, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Steven DeMaio, Rita Gedansky, John A. Grasso, Jr., Thomas Hurley, James Stirling

*Vote opposed:* Diane Crocco, James Horwitz, Tracey Lane Russo

***Motion passed.***

- b. To Consider and Act Upon Resolutions Making Recommendations With Respect to Appropriations and Borrowing Authorizations for Various Improvements to the District's School Facilities, Including Restoration of the Existing Gravel-Surfaced Built-Up Roofs at Amity Regional High School, Replacement of the Air Handler Units in the Boys' and Girls' Locker Rooms at Amity Regional High School, and Repaving of the Side Parking Lot at the Amity Regional Middle School Orange Campus; and Calling a District Meeting to Hold a Public Hearing Thereon**

*Discussion:*

Mark Chapman, a consultant, said that low interest rates are available. A chart showing the estimated debt service for various Capital project was contained in the Board of Education packet. The estimated cost of Capital projects is \$1,748,000.

*Discussion:* Dr. Brady said that a hearing is needed to discuss the bonding and a Special Meeting will be needed to set a referendum

date. A hearing on the bond will be at 5:30 p.m., on Monday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> in the Presentation Room at District Offices. A hearing on the budget will be at 6:00 p.m. that day. The Board will vote on the final budget.

*RESOLVED, That the officers of the Board of Education and the Superintendent are authorized to cause a district meeting to be called for the purpose of conducting a public hearing in the Presentation Room of Amity Regional High School on Monday, April 2, 2012 at 6:00 P.M. with respect to the following recommendations of the Board:*

1. *That \$1,748,000 be appropriated for costs related to the design, construction and implementation of various improvements to the District's school facilities, including (a) restoration of the existing gravel-surfaced, built-up roofs at Amity Regional High School, including repairs as necessary, upgrading of the wall, unit and perimeter flashings, and any related work (estimated cost of \$1,400,000), (b) replacement of the air handler units in the boys' and girls' locker room at Amity Regional High School, and any related work (estimated cost of \$176,000), and (c) repaving of the side parking lot at the Amity Regional Middle School Orange Campus, which also serves as the school's outdoor physical education classroom, and any related work (estimated cost of \$97,000); and costs of the financing thereof (estimated at \$75,000). The appropriation may be spent for design, demolition, installation and construction costs, equipment, materials, testing costs, disposal costs, architects' fees, engineering fees, legal fees, net interest on borrowings, other financing costs, and other expenses related to the project. The District Board of Education shall be authorized to determine the scope and particulars of the project, and may reduce or modify the scope of the project as desirable, and the entire appropriation may be spent on the project as so reduced or modified.*

2. *That \$1,748,000 bonds and temporary notes of the District be authorized to finance the appropriation.*

3. *That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to require the District and its member towns to comply with applicable federal income tax requirements for tax-exempt bonds.*

4. *That the Chairman of the District Board of Education and the District Treasurer, or such officer or body delegated by the Board, be authorized to make representations and enter into written agreements for the benefit of holders of the bonds or notes to provide secondary market disclosure information.*

5. *That the aforesaid bond, note and temporary note authorization shall be submitted to referendum vote by the electors and citizens qualified to vote in the towns of the District. (Ms. Cohen, 2d Ms. Cardozo).*

*Vote in favor unanimous.*

*Motion passed.*

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

In a March 8, 2012 memo from Jack B. Levine to John J. Brady, Tremco Incorporated of Deep River, Connecticut, is recommended as the roofing service provider. In response to a Request for Proposals, three companies submitted packages and two submitted

comprehensive proposals. Of the two, Tremco offered the best total package for Amity.

*Move that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign a contract with Tremco Incorporated to be the school district's roofing services provider for the Amity High School roof restoration project. Tremco Incorporated will be responsible for planning, design, oversight of construction, and warrantee of the roof restoration project (Mr. Grasso, 2d Mr. Hurley).*

*Vote in favor unanimous.*

***Motion passed.***

The visitor side bleachers at the football stadium at Amity High School were unsafe and out of code compliance. The old bleachers have been removed from service. A bid was held to provide new bleachers for the visitor side of the football field. Three companies turned in bids for the job. For 309 seats, the prices ranged from \$73,380 to \$81,114. For 435 seats, the prices ranged from \$87,150 to \$102,240. E&D Specialty Stands Inc. was the low bidder on both projects. Mr. Levine and Mr. Saisa recommend the Board award the contract to E&D Specialty Stands, Inc. of North Collins, New York for 309 seats at the bid price of \$73,380.

*Move that the Superintendent of Schools be authorized to sign a contract with E&D Specialty Stands, Inc. to purchase bleachers with 309 seats at the bid price of \$73,380 (Ms. Altman, 2d Ms. Gedansky).*

*Discussion:*

Mr. Horwitz said that at Bates College, he saw bleachers specially designed with storage underneath. If we purchase the bleachers, it would be nice to get rid of the trailers on the High School property. He would like to buy as many bleachers as we can possibly afford with storage underneath.

Ms. Russo asked if Facilities Director Jim Saisa could discuss this.

Mr. Saisa said that the additional cost would prevent the District from being able to get sufficient seating. We would be lucky to get 100 seats with the storage option.

*Vote in favor:* Julie Altman, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Steven DeMaio, Rita Gedansky, John A. Grasso, Jr., Thomas Hurley, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling

*Vote opposed:* Diane Crocco, James Horwitz,

***Motion passed.***

- d. Discussion and Possible Acton on Establishment of Self-Insurance Fund and Transfer of Funds into the Self-Insurance Fund  
The preliminary Board of Education's 2012-2013 Budget includes switching from a fully insured to a self-funded insurance program. A separate Self-Insurance Fund should be established for this purpose.

*Motion that the Amity Board of Education establishes the "Amity Self-Insurance Fund" to maintain and distribute funds for the sole purpose of a self-insurance program. All expenditures from this bank account to be authorized by the Superintendent of Schools and Director of Finance and Administration. The Amity Board of Education directs the Superintendent of Schools to move the monies received by the District from the Early Retiree reinsurance program into the Amity Self-Insurance Fund. This will include \$64,034, which is committed to the early retiree reinsurance program on the financial statements as of June 30, 2011. The District has applied for additional funds from this Federal program; however, it is uncertain at this time what funds, if any, will be received as the total Federal appropriation is limited to \$5 billion (Mr. Horwitz, 2d Mr. Stirling).*

*Discussion: Mr. Hurley recused himself.*

*Vote in favor: Julie Altman, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Sue Cohen, Diane Crocco, Steven DeMaio, Rita Gedansky, John A. Grasso, Jr., James Horwitz, Tracey Lane Russo, James Stirling*

*Vote opposed: none*

***Motion passed.***

- e. **Discussion and Possible Action on Proposed Fund Balance Policy**  
Dr. Brady said that this should go through the Finance Committee.  
Mr. Stirling said that the Finance Committee referred the issue to the Policy Committee. Dr. Brady said that the item should be added to the Finance Committee agenda. Mr. Hurley asked if this would be considered the first reading. Dr. Brady said that it would.

f. **Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements**

g. **Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000**

With the planned change at the High School from fuel oil to natural gas, Mr. Stirling questioned if Amity would be required to purchase fuel oil.

Dr. Brady said that the administration is in negotiations with the oil company as to how to deal with the excess oil.

Mr. Browe asked if there is anything wrong with the current system.

Dr. Brady said that plans are to convert the boilers.

6. Policy - There was no discussion.
7. Personnel - There was no discussion.

**15. Items for the Next Agenda**

Mr. Hurley said that he would like to discuss the idea of actively recruiting tuition students. He asked if an ad hoc committee could be established. Mr. Blake said that the Curriculum Committee would look at the issue.

**16. Adjournment**

*Motion to adjourn the meeting at 9:41 p.m. (Mr. Horwitz, 2d Mr. DeMaio).*

*Motion passed; meeting adjourned.*

Respectfully submitted,

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Rita Gedansky, secretary  
Marianne Lippard, recording clerk

**Attachments/References:**

Minutes:

Amity Regional School District No. 5 Board of Education Regular Meeting, 2/13/12

Amity Regional School District No. 5 Finance Committee, 2/13/12

Amity Regional School District No. 5 Facilities Committee, 2/16/12

Memos:

Jack B. Levine to John J. Brady, 3/1/12, re: Establishment of Self-Insurance Fund and Transfer of Funds into the Self-Insurance Fund

John J. Brady to Amity Board of Education and Amity Finance Committee Members, 2/28/12, re: Re-designate Funds from the Capital & Nonrecurring Expenditures Account for Specified Capital Projects

Jack B. Levine to John J. Brady, 12/1/12, re: Proposed Fund-Balance Policy

Jack B. Levine to John J. Brady, 3/8/12, re: Award of Contracts over \$35,000

Jack B. Levine to John J. Brady, 3/8/12, re: Resolutions for Appropriations and Borrowing Authorizations

John J. Brady to Members of the Board of Education, 3/12/12, Personnel Report

Letters:

Stefan Pryor to John J. Brady, 2/10/12, re: 2011 Summer Reading Challenge

Derrylyn Gorski to William Blake, 2/29/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Cheri Charney to Facilities Committee, 3/1/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Jonathan Furst to Facilities Committee, 3/5/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Mary Abriola to William Blake, 3/5/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Susan Larkin to Board of Education, re: John J. Brady Center for the Performing Arts

Ellen Papciak-Rose to Facilities Committee and William Blake, 3/5/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Bruce Spiewak to Facilities Committee, 3/7/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Sharon Linet to William Blake, 3/5/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Lisa Small to Board of Education, 3/4/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Jill Polisson to William Blake, 3/4/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Ilene Kramer to Facilities Committee, 3/1/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Marie Robert and Earl Glusac to Board of Education, 2/29/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Derrylyn Gorski to William Blake, 2/29/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Mahinda and Kumudinie Yapa to Facilities Committee, 2/29/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Elizabeth Smolinski to Facilities Committee, 2/29/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Debbie McNulty to Facilities Committee, 3/6/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Nancy Anschutz to Facilities Committee, 3/5/12, re: Auditorium Naming

Jeanette Glicksman to Facilities Committee, 3/6/12 re: Auditorium Naming

Reports:

Amity Regional School District No. 5, Revenues and Expenditures for FY 2011-2012

Amity Regional School District No. 5, Year-to-Date Budget Report, 3/2/12

Amity Regional School District No. 5, Budget Transfers 2011-2012