

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
DECEMBER 14, 2020 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
6:30 P.M., 100 Ohman Avenue, Orange, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

John Belfonti, Christopher Browe, Patricia Cardozo, Steven DeMaio, George Howard, Patrick Reed, Robyn Berke (remote), Shannan Carlson (remote), Paul Davis (remote), Andrea Hubbard (remote), Sheila McCreven (remote), Dr. Jennifer Turner (remote)

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Carla Eichler

STUDENT REPRESENTATIVES PRESENT

Alison Bowler (remote), Caroline Chen (remote)

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Jennifer Byars, Theresa Lumas, Thomas Brant, Stefan Ciceron, Shaun DeRosa, Anna Mahon, Stephen Martoni, Dr. Marie McPadden

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Belfonti called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Recited by those present

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting - November 9, 2020

MOTION by George Howard, Second by Steven DeMaio, to approve minutes as submitted

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Belfonti, Browe, Cardozo, Carlson, Davis, DeMaio, Howard, Hubbard, McCreven, Reed, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Berke)

MOTION CARRIED

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b. Special Board of Education Meeting - November 23, 2020

MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by Christopher Browe, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Belfonti, Browe, Cardozo, Carlson, Davis, DeMaio, Howard, Hubbard, McCreven, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 2 (Berke, Reed)
MOTION CARRIED

c. Special Board of Education Meeting - December 8, 2020

MOTION by Shannan Carlson, Second by George Howard, to approve minutes as submitted
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Belfonti, Berke, Browe, Cardozo, Carlson, Davis, DeMaio, Howard, McCreven, Reed, Turner)
ABSTAINED, 1 (Hubbard)
MOTION CARRIED

4. STUDENT REPORT

a. Monthly Report

5. PRESENTATION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON AUDITED 2019-2020 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Presented by Mike Van Deventer and Samantha Thomas, Mahoney Sabol

6. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

7. 2021-2022 BUDGET PRESENTATIONS

a. Amity Regional High School

Presented by Anna Mahon

b. Pupil Personnel

Presented by Thomas Brant

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- c. Technology

Presented by Shaun DeRosa

8. SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report
- c. COVID-19 Updates

9. DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON SETTING 2021-2022 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

MOTION by Steven DeMaio, Second by Patrick Reed, to approve the 2021-2022 Academic Calendar
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

10. CORRESPONDENCE

11. CHAIRMAN’S REPORT

- a. Committee Reports
 - 1. ACES
 - 2. Ad Hoc School Safety
 - 3. CABE
 - 4. Curriculum
 - a. Discussion and Possible Action on New Courses
 - 1. Adaptive Science
 - 2. Unified Science

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3. Theater 3: Play Production
4. True Crimes Narratives
5. 21st Century Transition Skills

MOTION BY Christopher Browe, Second by Robyn Berke, to approve the following new courses: Adaptive Science, Unified Science, Theater 3: Play Production, True Crimes Narratives, and 21st Century Transition Skills
VOTES IN FAVOR, (12) unanimous
MOTION CARRIED

b. Discussion and Possible Action on Course Modification Proposals

1. Study Skills/Academic Skills
2. Theater 1: Acting Fundamentals
3. Theater 2: Advanced Acting
4. Technical Theater

MOTION by George Howard, Second by Steven DeMaio, to approve the following course modification proposals: Study Skills/Academic Skills, Theater 1: Acting Fundamentals, Theater 2: Advanced Acting, and Technical Theater
VOTES IN FAVOR, (12) unanimous
MOTION CARRIED

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

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8. Finance

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Returning Unspent Funds to Member Towns

MOTION by Christopher Browe, Second by Steven DeMaio, to accept the Annual Financial Statements for the period ending June 30, 2020, and authorize the Superintendent of Schools to return to the Member Towns a balance of \$1,986,234, as follows:

Town of Bethany	\$ 386,924
Town of Orange	\$1,010,114
Town of Woodbridge	<u>\$ 611,196</u>
TOTAL	\$1,986,234

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Belfonti, Browe, Cardozo, Carlson, Davis, DeMaio, Howard, Hubbard, McCreven, Reed, Turner)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Berke)

MOTION CARRIED

- b. 2021-2022 Budget Update
- c. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
- d. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000
- e. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More

MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by Christopher Browe, to vote on both motions listed below at the same time

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Christopher Browe, Second by Paul Davis, to approve the two motions listed below at the same time

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)

MOTION CARRIED

The following budget transfer to cover the installation of the new heating supply line:

ACCOUNT NUMBER	ACCOUNT NAME	FROM	TO
05-14-2600-5715	Improvements to Bldgs/Contingency	\$53,420	
03-14-2600-5420	Repair & Maintenance		\$53,420

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The following budget transfer to cover the cost of operations including staff, personal protective equipment, distance learning tools and equipment, and cleaning supplies, \$362,730.

ORG	OBJECT	COMMENT	FROM	TO
05142675	5111	Certified Salaries		\$ 226,578
05142675	5730	Equipment		\$ 63,263
05142675	5690	Other Supplies		\$ 25,231
05142675	5613	Maintenance Supplies		\$ 22,218
05142675	5112	Classified Salaries		\$ 18,340
05142675	5330	Professional Technical Services		\$ 3,981
05142675	5611	Instructional Supplies		\$ 2,155
05142675	5440	Rentals		\$ 1,270
05142675	5590	Other Purchased Services		\$ 382
05132212	5322	Instructional Program Improvement	\$ 3,015	
05132213	5322	Instructional Program Improvement	\$ 315	
01111005	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 330	
01111010	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 236	
01113202	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 937	
01132120	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 249	
01132220	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 85	
01132400	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 895	
02111010	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 300	
02113202	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 863	
02132120	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 345	
02132220	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 210	
02132400	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 1,095	
03111010	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 524	
03111011	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 75	
03113202	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 29,814	
03121203	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 2,625	
03132120	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 150	
03132220	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 2,000	
03132400	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 27,622	
04121200	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 3,375	
04121206	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 375	
04122151	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 9,000	
04132130	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 14,130	
04132140	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 6,375	
04132190	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 25,500	
05142600	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 2,700	

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05142660	5330	Professional Technical Services	\$ 998	
01132400	5440	Rentals	\$ 387	
01142600	5440	Rentals	\$ 113	
02113202	5440	Rentals	\$ 144	
02132400	5440	Rentals	\$ 437	
03113202	5440	Rentals	\$ 11,679	
03132400	5440	Rentals	\$ 750	
03142600	5440	Rentals	\$ 536	
04121206	5440	Rentals	\$ 3,000	
01132400	5550	Communications	\$ 150	
02132400	5550	Communications	\$ 200	
03132400	5550	Communications	\$ 2,100	
05142320	5550	Communications	\$ 7,864	
05142350	5550	Communications	\$ 6,840	
01132400	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 98	
02132400	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 210	
03132400	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 675	
04121206	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 300	
04132190	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 450	
05132212	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 120	
05132213	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 495	
05142320	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 750	
05142350	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 180	
05142600	5580	Staff Travel	\$ 450	
01132400	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 534	
02132400	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 477	
03111001	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 75	
03111013	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 150	
03132120	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 150	
04121200	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 225	
04132140	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 210	
04132190	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 225	
05132212	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 1,635	
05132213	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 1,775	
05142320	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 90	
05142350	5581	Travel-Conferences	\$ 1,350	
01113202	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 60	
01132120	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 125	
01132400	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 514	

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02113202	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 60	
02132120	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 75	
02132400	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 668	
03113202	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 864	
03132120	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 1,982	
04132190	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 3,172	
05132212	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 375	
05132213	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 1,720	
05142310	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 1,500	
05142320	5590	Other Purchased Services	\$ 3,750	
01111001	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 555	
01111005	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 594	
01111006	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 967	
01111007	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 94	
01111008	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,155	
01111009	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 179	
01111010	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 974	
01111011	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 428	
01111013	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 633	
01111014	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 497	
01111015	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 329	
01111016	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 141	
01132120	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 63	
01132220	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 165	
01142219	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 807	
02111001	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 563	
02111005	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 721	
02111006	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,196	
02111007	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 105	
02111008	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,202	
02111009	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 513	
02111010	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 954	
02111011	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 565	
02111013	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,111	
02111014	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 819	
02111015	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 93	
02111016	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 360	
02132120	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 105	
02132220	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 165	

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02142219	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,732	
03111001	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 3,582	
03111003	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 192	
03111006	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 375	
03111007	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 4,004	
03111005	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 3,867	
03111009	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,238	
03111010	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,562	
03111011	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,296	
03111013	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 9,015	
03111014	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 204	
03111015	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 1,043	
03111016	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 838	
03111017	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 150	
03121203	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 170	
03132120	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 600	
03132220	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 500	
03132400	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 450	
03142219	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 4,811	
04121200	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 698	
04121201	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 135	
04121206	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 225	
04122150	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 113	
04132140	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 75	
05132212	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 2,085	
05132213	5611	Instructional Supplies	\$ 150	
05142700	5627	Transportation Supplies	\$ 18,630	
01132220	5642	Library Texts & Supplies	\$ 735	
02132220	5642	Library Texts & Supplies	\$ 880	
03132220	5642	Library Texts & Supplies	\$ 2,667	
01111005	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 68	
01111010	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 258	
01111013	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 258	
01111016	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 126	
01113201	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 95	
01113202	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 1,903	
01132120	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 173	
01132130	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 284	
01132220	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 480	

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01132400	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 297	
01142219	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 639	
02111009	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 71	
02111013	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 144	
02111016	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 210	
02113201	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 120	
02113202	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 1,918	
02132120	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 113	
02132130	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 240	
02132220	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 433	
02132400	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 271	
03111005	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 210	
03111014	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 75	
03111016	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 105	
03113202	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 15,322	
03121203	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 263	
03132130	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 285	
03132400	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 75	
04121200	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 135	
04121201	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 101	
04121206	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 173	
04122151	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 1,275	
04132190	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 555	
05132213	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 587	
05142310	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 600	
05142320	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 1,500	
05142350	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 44,522	
05142510	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 450	
05142600	5690	Other Supplies	\$ 1,200	
01111009	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 94	
01111010	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 69	
01111011	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 75	
01111015	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 83	
01113202	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 75	
01132400	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 341	
02111006	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 75	
02111010	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 109	
02113202	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 60	
02132400	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 463	

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03111001	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 75	
03111003	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 113	
03111005	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 93	
03111006	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 264	
03111009	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 60	
03111010	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 167	
03111013	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 1,125	
03111015	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 188	
03111016	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 90	
03113202	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 5,156	
03132400	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 2,100	
04132140	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 189	
04132190	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 105	
05142310	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 3,450	
05142320	5810	Dues & Fees	\$ 675	
			\$ 362,730	\$ 362,730

9. Policy

a. First Read

1. Policy 6114.8 Pandemic/Epidemic Emergencies
2. Policy 3541.33 Special Education Students
3. Policy 3542.1 Purpose and Facilities: Food Service
4. Policy 3542.31 Free or Reduced Lunches (National School Lunch Program)
5. Policy 3542.33 Food Sales Other than National School Lunch Program
6. Policy 3542.43 Charging Policy
7. Policy 3543.11 Printing and Duplicating Copyrighted Material

b. Second Read

1. Policy 3532 Liability Insurance

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2. Policy 3532.3 Responsibility for Loss or Damage of Personal Property on School Premises
3. Policy 3541.32 Special Transportation for School-Related Trips
4. Policy 6171 Special Education

MOTION by Christopher Browe, Second by Patrick Reed, to vote on all Second Read policies at the same time: Policy 3532 Liability Insurance, Policy 3532.3 Responsibility for Loss or Damage of Personal Property on School Premises, Policy 3541.32 Special Transportation for School-Related Trips, and Policy 6171 Special Education
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Christopher Browe, Second by Shannan Carlson, to approve all Second Read policies at the same time: Policy 3532 Liability Insurance, Policy 3532.3 Responsibility for Loss or Damage of Personal Property on School Premises, Policy 3541.32 Special Transportation for School-Related Trips, and Policy 6171 Special Education
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

10. Personnel

12. **NEW BUSINESS**

13. **ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA** – Due to Chairperson by December 28, 2020

14. **ADJOURNMENT**

MOTION by Patricia Cardozo, Second by Paul Davis, to adjourn meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 9:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Pamela Pero
Pamela Pero, Recording Secretary



**Presentation to the
Finance Committee and Board of Education
Fiscal Year 2020 Audit Results**

**Amity Regional School
District No. 5**

**Presented by:
Michael J. VanDeventer, CPA, Partner
Samantha A. Thomas, CPA, Manager**

December 14, 2020

Agenda

- Scope of Work
- Auditor's Reports
- Financial Highlights
- Required Communications
- Questions

Scope of Work

Audit of Financial Statements performed in accordance with the following:

- Auditing standards issued by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants
- *Government Auditing Standards* issued by the Government Accountability Office

Federal and State Single Audit performed in accordance with the following:

- Uniform Administrative Requirements, Cost Principles, and Audit Requirements for Federal Awards (Uniform Guidance)
- State of Connecticut, OPM Compliance Supplement to the State Single Audit Act
- Applicable grant and contract agreements

Agreed-Upon Procedures on End of Year School Reports (EFS):

- Procedures required by the State of Connecticut Department of Education

Scope of Work *(Continued)*

Nonaudit Services:

- Assisted in the preparation of the financial statements and the schedules of federal awards and state financial assistance
- Assisted in the conversion of the governmental funds financial statements to the government-wide financial statements
- In order for our firm to be able to perform these services and remain independent of the District, management is required to oversee these services by designating an individual with suitable skill, knowledge, or experience, to evaluate the adequacy and results of those services; and to accept responsibility for them. Theresa Lumas, Director of Finance and Administration, has accepted responsibility for these services

Auditor's Reports

Report on Financial Statements:

- Unmodified "clean" opinions on the following opinion units:
 - Governmental activities
 - Each Major Governmental Fund:
 - General Fund
 - Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring
 - Aggregate remaining fund information (Internal Service Fund, Special Revenue Funds, Pension, Sick & Severance and OPEB Trust Funds, Private-Purpose Trust Fund and Agency Funds)

Report on Compliance and on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

- We are not reporting any material noncompliance of laws and regulations
- We are not reporting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses over financial reporting

Auditor's Reports (*Continued*)

Federal Single Audit:

- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control at the Federal Award Level
 - Fiscal Year 2020: \$899,357 expended
 - Major Programs:
 - Special Education Cluster - \$409,825
 - Unmodified “clean” opinion on compliance
 - We are not reporting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses over grant compliance

State Single Audit:

- Report on Compliance and on Internal Control at the State Financial Assistance Level
 - Fiscal Year 2020: \$901,273 expended, \$142,606 nonexempt
 - Major Programs:
 - Open Choice - \$47,183
 - School Security Infrastructure Program - \$36,091
 - Unmodified “clean” opinion on compliance
 - We are not reporting any significant deficiencies or material weaknesses over grant compliance

Financial Highlights

General Fund – Budgetary Highlights:

- No additional appropriations were authorized by the District during the year
- There was no change in fund balance on a budgetary basis, as the year end surplus of \$1,986,236 has been reported as a liability due to Member Towns
- Revenues and other financing sources, excluding Member Town assessments, were \$206,344 more than budgeted, primarily due to a favorable variances on special education excess cost funds received.
- Expenditures were \$2,275,374 less than budgeted
 - Favorable budget variances across all objects
 - \$495,482 of the expenditure surplus transferred to Reserve for Capital and Nonrecurring
 - No instances of budgetary noncompliance were identified

Financial Highlights *(Continued)*

Funds - Highlights:

- Combined ending fund balances as of June 30, 2020 totaled \$1,926,306
- Fund balances of the District's other governmental funds consisted of the following:
 - Reserve Fund for Capital and Nonrecurring Fund: \$647,506, which is restricted or committed for capital purposes
 - Other Funds: \$307,299, which are committed for various educational purposes
 - No deficits in fund balances reported
- Ending net position in Internal Service Fund (self-insured health insurance fund) of \$1,108,191 as of June 30, 2020.
 - Represents approximately 3 months of current year operating costs of the fund
 - No significant change in the financial position of the fund

Financial Highlights *(Continued)*

Government-wide Financials - Highlights:

- Long-term bonded debt decreased by \$3.75 million due to scheduled principal repayments
 - Subsequent event disclosed relating to the issuance of \$6.57 million in bonds issued in July 2020
- Negative unrestricted net position of \$4,075,637
 - Contributing factors:
 - Net pension liability of \$4,002,716 (77.3% funded using a discount rate of 7.0%)
 - Net OPEB liability of \$2,161,067 (54.4% funded using a discount rate of 7.0%)
 - No significant changes in assumptions utilized or in the funded status of the plans

Required Communications

Auditor's Responsibility under U.S. Generally Accepted Auditing Standards

Planned Scope and Timing of the Audit:

- No changes in the planned scope or timing of the audit that was originally agreed-upon

Significant Audit Findings:

- Qualitative Aspects of Accounting Practices
 - New accounting standards:
 - GASB Statement No. 95, *Postponement of the Effective Dates of Certain Authoritative Guidance*, resulted in the postponement of the effective date of most GASB standards by at least one year in response to the pandemic
 - Significant estimates and judgments:
 - Estimated useful lives assigned to capital assets
 - Discount rates utilized to determine net pension and OPEB liabilities

Required Communications (*Continued*)

Significant Audit Findings (*Continued*)

- There were no difficulties encountered in performing the audit
- Audit adjustments consisted of expected reclassifications made for financial statement purposes
- There were no uncorrected misstatements
- There were no disagreements with management
- We obtained a management representation letter and there were no unusual representations requested by us from management
- We are not aware of any consultations by management with other independent accountants

Questions?

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Budget Presentation
December 14th, 2020

Anna Mahon - ARHS Principal

Amity Regional High School Core Values & Mission Statement



FAIRNESS

RESPECT

PASSION

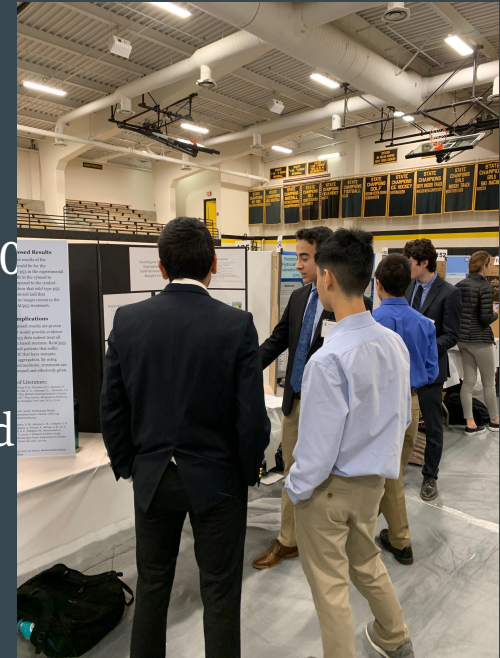
The mission of Amity Regional High School is to create an inclusive community that affirms the contributions, strengths, and talents of all of its members. We bear a responsibility to ourselves and to the school community to develop in all students the skills and the desire necessary to become contributing members of a just society.



Learning Expectations and Authentic Experiences



- Academic, Social and Civic expectations that are foundational to the curricular, co-curricular and extra-curricular work completed by students
- Mastery Based Diploma Assessment Credit for Class of 20 and beyond
- Authentic learning experiences through classes, clubs and programs
- Preparing students for post-secondary experiences





Enrollment and Graduation Expectations

	9th	10th	11th	12th	Total
2020-2021	363	330	388	379	1460
2021-2022	359	363	330	388	1440*

*Every year we have roughly 55-60 students enroll at ARHS

While keeping up with the increased and changing high school graduation credits set forth by the CT State Department of Education, ARHS has also remained dedicated to the making learning meaningful and purposeful for students while also offering authentic learning experiences to help students apply their knowledge and prepare for life after high school.

Class of 2021-2022	Class of 2023 and Beyond
25	25, with 1 full credit Mastery Based Diploma Assessment and other adjustments

Where are the needs?

- Additional personnel in math (4 year requirement), world language (2 year requirement) and visual and performing arts (.5 credit requirement)
- Technology
- Textbooks (pedagogical shift to online texts)
- Consumable resources
- Library media resources
- Counseling Services
- Principal Services and other programs



Major budget driver-Textbooks



- Departments work to follow the textbook projection cycle
- Whether hard copy or online, high school texts are costly

Department	20-21	21-22
Science Texts/License	\$1,500 (\$23,590)	\$36,000
Math Texts/License	\$8,249 (\$10,000)	\$29,000
English/Reading Texts	\$8,100	\$8,700
World Language Texts/License	\$2,000 (\$42,053)	\$39,470
Social Studies Texts/License	\$15,473	\$48,000
Visual & Performing (Music) Texts	\$0	\$6,100
Total:	\$35,322 (\$110,965)	\$167,770



Other budget drivers...

- Consumable resources

- Visual and Performing Arts-\$39,127
- Career and Tech Ed-\$53,749
- Science-\$59,860
- Other departments-\$32,246

- Library media resources

- Supplies (online databases)-\$20,475
- Library books and instruction (including digital)-\$10,950

- Counseling services

- Instruction/other professional services-\$5,000
- Purchased services (PSAT, PACT)-\$12,205

- Principal services

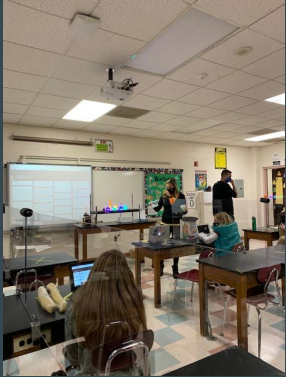
- Transportation (learning experiences)--\$35,000
- Dues/Fees (maintain accreditation & affiliations)--\$15,000
- OBOA-\$6,000

ARHS Budget is also aligned with the BOE Goals





1. Continuously improve instruction, cultivate creativity, and enhance student engagement and performance.



- Implement a 1:1 model
- Adapt and adjust to constantly changing situations
- Academic, social and civic learning expectations based on core values, beliefs and focused mission statement
- Curricular revisions to address social concerns and actively create an inclusive/anti-biased school culture
- Continuous focus on student agency and post-secondary preparation





2. Enhance the efficient and effective use of resources.



- Save on rentals for graduation based on upgrades to stadium
- Working collaboratively in professional learning groups
- Creative approaches to using free resources and leveraging technology to enhance instruction
- Work to meet the requests of students through a request-driven master schedule



3. Foster a supportive climate for students and adults.

- Continue to focus on social/emotional well-being of students through Link Crew, clubs and activities
- Virtual club day, club meetings, presentations and ceremonies
- Support educators' innovative and creative ideas for new classes and instructional approaches
- Continue to use Spartan Seminar (advisory) as a foundational experience to build a strong school community
- Student initiative and opportunities



Bottom line, an investment in our future...



	ARHS	
	20-21	21-22
Grand Total	\$604,830.00	\$747,631.00





2021-2022 Pupil Services



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Pupil Services Department: Vision

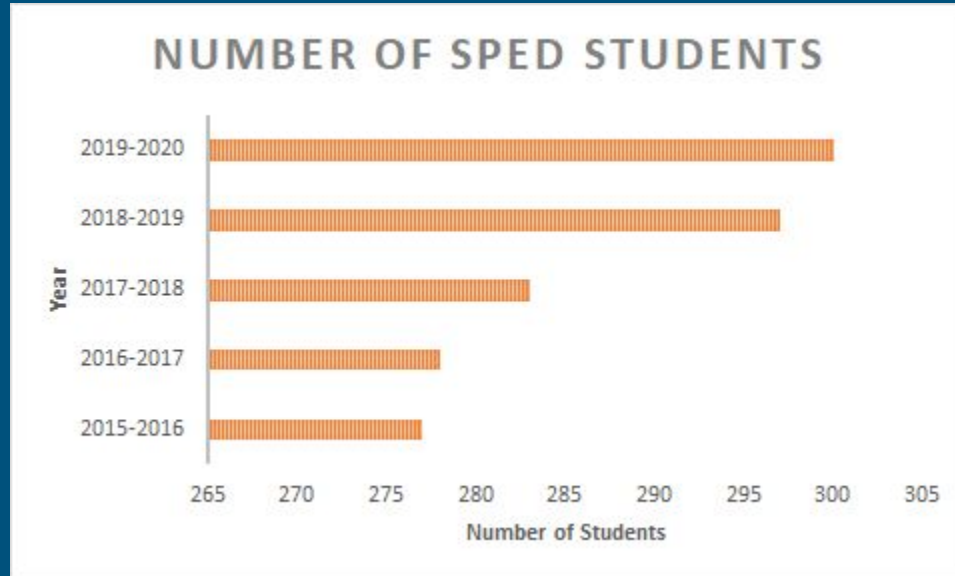
“When I was a boy and I would see scary things in the news, my mother would say to me, “Look for the helpers. You will always find people who are helping.”

Mister Rogers

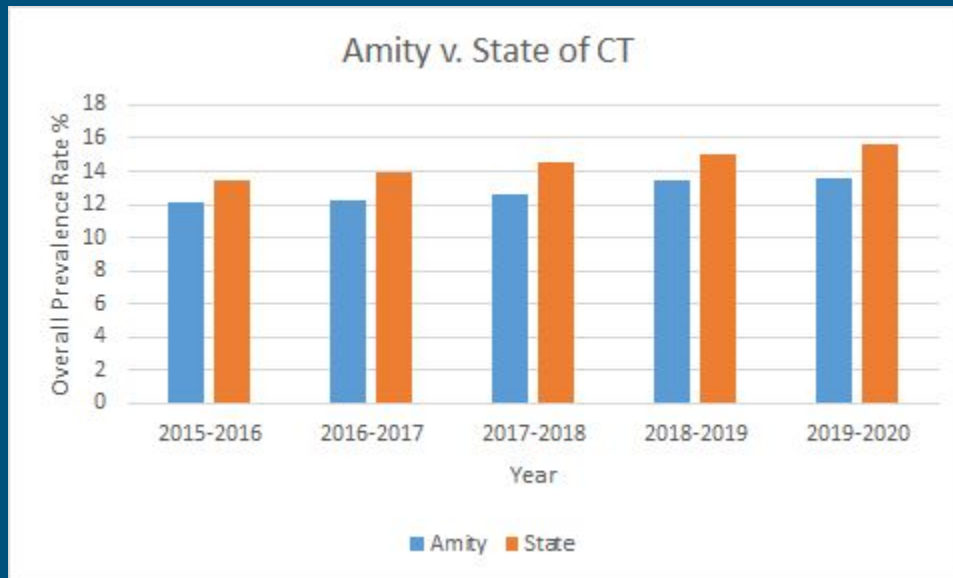
Pupil Services Department Responsibilities

Board Certified Behavioral Analyst Services	COVID-19 Liaison
DCF-603 & Nexus Considerations	District Medical Advisor
English Learners	Hearing Impaired Services/Technology
Homebound Instruction	Hospital Instruction
Homelessness	IDEA Mandated Services/IDEA Grant
Medicaid Compliance/Reimbursement	Occupational/Physical Therapy Services
Paraprofessionals	School Nursing Services
School Psychological Services	Section 504 Mandated Services
Spartan Academy	Speech and Language Services
Title II, III, IV & IX Compliance/Coordination	Transportation (ECA, Magnet, OOD, VoAg, etc...)

Pupil Services Department: Student Data



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Pupil Services Department: Budget Overview



8.62%

Pupil Services Department: Budget Overview

Major Budget Fiscal Considerations

Budget Consideration	Fiscal Impact
A.R. vs. State Board of Education	\$535,808.65
Unanticipated Outplacements (2)	\$268,996.00
Rising Outplacement	\$117,000.00
Total Fiscal Impact*	\$921,804.65
Potential Rising Outplacements (2)	\$223,229.36
Potential Total Fiscal Impact*	\$1,145,034.01

Pupil Services Department: Cost Savings Initiatives

Cost Savings Initiative	Anticipated Savings
Amity Transition Academy (Existing)	\$409,134.00
7-12 Spartan Academic and Independent Living Skills (SAILS) (Existing)	\$713,880.00
New Program at AMSB (Requested)	\$100,000-\$217,000

Pupil Services Department: New Staff Requests

.5 Administrative Assistant District Wide

1.0 Special Education Teacher for New Program

1.0 (.6 budget and .4 IDEA Grant) Mental Health Clinician for New Program

Pupil Services Department: Fiscal Uncertainties

- Final Excess Cost Reimbursement Rate
- A.R. vs. Connecticut State Board of Education
- COVID-19 Pandemic

Amity Proposed Technology Budget



Initial Proposal for 2021-2022 Technology Budget

Budget Drivers

One to One (1:1) Digital Learning Environment

- Devices
- Endpoint Protection
- Peripherals
 - Docking Stations
 - Tablets
- Repair and Maintenance

Staff requests

- Specialized Lab Replacements
- Software for Teaching in the 1:1 Environment

What's NOT in the Budget

- Additional Technician
- Desktop Computers
- Additional Smartboards
- Ink and Toner for non-Xerox Printers
- Cases for Student Devices
- Additional Student Devices
- Infrastructure
 - Access Points
 - Switches
 - Servers

The Future...

- Phone System
- Additional Technician
- Specialized Lab Replacements
- Stadium Technology
- Security Camera System
- Smartboards *
- Office Desktops and Monitors *

* - Recurring costs, current circumstances allow a year reprieve, will need to be included in next budget cycle

1:1 Device Schedule

Student Device Lease Payment Schedule - Estimated

	7th Grade	8th Grade	9th Grade	10th Grade	11th Grade	12th Grade	Total Lease cost each budget year
2020-2021	\$57,000	\$52,300	\$51,637	\$57,000	\$52,300	\$52,300	\$322,537
2021-2022	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$52,300	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$52,300	\$332,600
2022-2023	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$342,000
2023-2024	\$58,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$58,000	\$57,000	\$57,000	\$344,000
2024-2025	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$57,000	\$58,000	\$58,000	\$57,000	\$346,000

Initial Increase and Decrease Percentages

5690 Other Supplies - Increase 54.4% (\$170,850)

- \$150,000 for 3yr BitDefender Subscription
- Software additions and increases
 - VMWare
 - Lexia
 - Misc new programs introduced to support 1:1 teaching and learning

5730 New Equipment - Decrease 81.1% (\$56,759)

- \$45,000 for CAD Lab Replacement
- \$17,000 for Student Device Cases

5731 Replacement Equipment - Increase 189.1% (\$109,875)

- \$100,000 for Complete Specialized Lab Replacement
- \$18,000 for SmartBoards in Science Wing

Budget Distribution

