

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
NOVEMBER 12, 2018 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Amity Regional Board of Education Regular Meeting
Monday, November 12, 2018, 6:30 pm, 25 Newton Road, Woodbridge, CT

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Christopher Browe, John Belfonti, Robyn Berke, Patricia Cardozo, Shannan Carlson, Paula Cofrancesco, Steven DeMaio, Carla Eichler, Amy Esposito, George Howard, Sheila McCreven, Jennifer Turner, Diane Urbano

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

James Connelly, Theresa Lumas, Frank Barretta, Kathy Burke, Julie Chevan, Scott Cleary, Richard Dellinger, Shaun DeRosa, Peter Downhour, Ernest Goodwin, Kevin Keller, Monica Kreuzer, Jill LaPlante, Anna Mahon, Marie McPadden, Thomas Norton, Mary Raiola, Brian Serapiglia, Jason Tracy

1. Call to Order

Chairman Browe called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Recited by those present

3. Approval of Minutes

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting, September 17, 2018

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Robyn Berke, to approve minutes as amended
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Berke, Belfonti, DeMaio, McCreven)
ABSTAINED, 2 (Carlson, Esposito)
MOTION CARRIED

- b. Regular Board of Education Meeting, October 15, 2018

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Carla Eichler, to approve minutes as amended
VOTES IN FAVOR, 9 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Carlson, DeMaio, McCreven)
ABSTAINED, 3 (Berke, Belfonti, Esposito)
MOTION CARRIED

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c. Special Board of Education Meeting, October 30, 2018

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by George Howard, to approve minutes as amended
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Berke, Carlson, Belfonti, McCreven)
ABSTAINED, 2 (DeMaio, Esposito)
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION BY Pat Cardozo, Second by Jennifer Turner, to move Item #6 on the agenda, Recognition of CAPSS Awards, before Item #4 on the agenda, Public Comment
VOTES IN FAVOR, 10 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Berke, Carlson, Esposito, McCreven)
VOTES OPPOSED, 2 (Belfonti, DeMaio)
MOTION CARRIED

6. Recognition of CAPSS Awards

Dr. Dellinger, Kathy Burke, and Anna Mahon presented awards to 2018-2019 CAPSS award recipients

Chairperson Browe called a recess at 6:52 p.m.
Chairperson Browe reconvened the meeting at 6:54 p.m.

4. Public Comment

More than 40 adults and students from the Amity community shared their concerns about recent incidents at Amity Regional High School. This section of the meeting was more than an hour long and can be viewed at <https://video.amityregion5.org/show?video=fe8a8361a02f&apg=4d6095ca>

Chairperson Browe thanked the public for their comments and concerns.

Board member Sheila McCreven spoke and offered a suggestion in the form of a motion in response to the comments; however, as motions are not permitted under Public Comment, no action could be taken.

Board member Jennifer Turner offered a suggestion in response to the comments.

Chairperson Browe called a recess at 8:40 p.m.
Chairperson Browe reconvened the meeting at 8:55 p.m.

5. Student Report – Olivia Gross and Ella Marin

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Amy Esposito, to move Item #10a2 on the agenda, Chairman's Report, Committee Reports, Ad Hoc School Safety (Executive session anticipated), after Item #5 on the agenda, Student Report – Olivia Gross and Ella Marin

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Carlson, Belfonti, Esposito, DeMaio, McCreven)

ABSTAINED, 1 (Berke)

MOTION CARRIED

10. Chairman's Report

a. Committee Reports

2. Ad Hoc School Safety

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by Pat Cardozo, to enter Executive Session and invite James Connelly, Theresa Lumas, Anna Mahon, Jill LaPlante, Frank Barretta, Monica Kreuzer, Jason Tracy, Richard Dellinger, Kathy Burke, Ernest Goodwin, Shaun DeRosa, James Saisa, Patrick Rose (Architect, Rose Tiso & Co.)

Entered Executive Session at 9:06 p.m.

Exited Executive Session at 10:54 p.m.

7. Discussion and Possible Action on 2019-2020 Academic Calendar

MOTION by Paula Cofrancesco, Second by Shannan Carlson, to approve 2019-2020 Academic Calendar as revised November 12, 2018

VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Carlson, Belfonti, Esposito, DeMaio, McCreven)

OPPOSED, 1 (Berke)

MOTION CARRIED

8. Correspondence

Sheila McCreven presented an email communication dated November 12, 2018 from Leonard Bell.

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9. Superintendent's Report

- a. Personnel Report
- b. Superintendent Report

1. Discussion and Endorsement of the Amity Youth Survey

MOTION by Pat Cardozo, Second by Diane Urbano, to endorse Amity Youth Survey
VOTES IN FAVOR, 11 (Howard, Eichler, Urbano, Cofrancesco, Turner, Cardozo, Carlson, Belfonti, Esposito, DeMaio, McCreven)
OPPOSED, 1 (Berke)
MOTION CARRIED

MOTION by Sheila McCreven, Second by John Belfonti, to move Item #10a9 on the agenda, Finance, after Item #9b1 on the agenda, Superintendent Report, Discussion and Endorsement of the Amity Youth Survey, and postpone the remainder of the agenda to the next Board of Education Regular Meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

10. Chairman's Report

- a. Committee Reports

9. Finance

- a. Discussion and Possible Action on Agreement and Authorized Signers for Child Nutrition

MOTION by Pat Cardozo, Second by Steven DeMaio, to authorize the incoming Superintendent of Schools, Dr. Jennifer Byars; Director of Finance and Administration, Theresa Lumas; and Board of Education Secretary, Sheila McCreven, to sign the updated permanent single agreement (ED-099) to continue participation in the Child Nutrition Programs.
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

- b. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements
- c. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers under \$3,000

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- d. Discussion and Possible Action on Budget Transfers of \$3,000 or More

MOTION by Pat Cardozo, Second by Paula Cofrancesco, to approve the following budget transfer to cover the installation of the new domestic hot water line:

<i>ACCOUNT NUMBER</i>	<i>ACCOUNT NAME</i>	<i>FROM</i>	<i>TO</i>
<i>05-14-2600-5715</i>	<i>Improvements to Bldgs/Contingency</i>	<i>\$23,300</i>	
<i>03-14-2600-5420</i>	<i>Repairs, Maintenance</i>		<i>\$23,300</i>

VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

- e. Other

1. Update on Financial Audit

Chairperson Browe thanked James Connelly for his time as Interim Superintendent of Schools.

11. Adjournment

MOTION by Amy Esposito, Second by Shannan Carlson, to adjourn the meeting
VOTES IN FAVOR, 12 (unanimous)
MOTION CARRIED

Meeting Adjourned at 11:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero
Recording Secretary