

AMITY REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 5 BOARD OF EDUCATION
OCTOBER 16, 2017 REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

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A regular meeting of the Amity Regional Board of Education was held on Monday, October 16, 2017 at 6:30 pm in the Media Center at Amity Middle School in Bethany.

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Chairperson Thomas Hurley, Mr. John Belfonti, Ms. Robyn Berke, Mr. Christopher Browe (arrived 6:32), Ms. Patricia Cardozo, Ms. Shannan Carlson, Ms. Paula Cofrancesco, Ms. Sue Cohen (arrived 6:31), Mr. Steven DeMaio, Ms. Amy Esposito (arrived 6:35), Ms. Sheila McCreven, Ms. Jennifer Turner, and Ms. Diane Urbano

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

None

STAFF MEMBERS PRESENT

Dr. Charles Dumais, Dr. E. Marie McPadden, Dr. Richard Dellinger, Ms. Theresa Lumas, Mr. Scott Cleary, Ms. Kathy Burke, Mr. Ernest Goodwin, Ms. Anna Mahon, and Ms. Mary Raiola

1. CALL TO ORDER

Chairperson Hurley called the meeting to order at 6:30 pm.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

recited by those present

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

- a. Regular Board of Education Meeting, September 11, 2017 (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Mr. Belfonti to accept the minutes as submitted.

Vote in favor, 8 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. McCreven, and Ms. Turner)

Abstain, 1 (Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

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- b. Special Board of Education Meeting, September 25, 2017 (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to accept the minutes as corrected

Vote in favor, 9 (Mr. Belfonti, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

Abstain, 3 (Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, and Ms. Carlson)

MOTION CARRIED

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to present DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY (item #14.1.8 on the meeting agenda) immediately after OCTOBER ENROLLMENT REPORT (item #12 on the meeting agenda)

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

None

5. STUDENT REPORT

Ananya Kachru gave the student report and presented a video dedication to Ms. Burke, Dr. Dellinger, and Ms. Mahon from students in honor of National Principal's Month.

6. RECOGNITION OF AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL NATIONAL MERIT SCHOLARS (Enclosure)

***Chairman Hurley called a recess at 6:56 pm.
Meeting reconvened at 7:01 pm.***

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7. **DONATION FROM MR. REBHUN AND MR. PALMER – REQUEST TO DESIGNATE FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION OF DISPLAY CASE AT AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL** (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco, Second by Ms. Cardozo to approve.

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

8. **DONATION FROM MR. HAGUE FOR THE AMITY REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL BASEBALL PROGRAM** (Enclosure)

Motion by Mr. Browe, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to approve.

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

9. **DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION ON 2018 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING CALENDAR** (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cofrancesco, Second by Mr. Belfonti to approve.

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

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10. DISCUSSION OF 2018-2019 ACADEMIC CALENDAR (Enclosure)

Discussion about possibility of having a week off in February for February break.

Motion by Mr. Demaio, Second by Ms. Urbano to end debate and conduct an informal vote about changing February break to a full week.

Votes in favor, 5 (Ms. Berke, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. McCreven, and Ms. Urbano)

Votes opposed, 4 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Cardozo, Mr. DeMaio, and Ms. Esposito)

Abstained, 3 (Mr. Browe, Ms. Cohen, and Ms. Turner)

11. OCTOBER ENROLLMENT REPORT (Enclosure)

Discussion

14.a.8.DISTRICT TECHNOLOGY COMMITTEE (*moved from its original placement on meeting agenda*)

Mr. DeMaio gave a summary of the October 12, 2017 meeting of the Unified Classroom program, professional development, new website, and online calendar issues that are being addressed.

12. CORRESPONDENCE

- a. Bus Safety (Enclosure)

13. SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT

- a. Personnel Report (Enclosure)
- b. Field Trips
Dr. Dumais gave a summary of upcoming international, out-of-state, and overnight field trips.
- c. Superintendent Report (Enclosure)

14. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

a. COMMITTEE REPORTS

1. ACES

Ms. Cohen discussed the additional ACES facility that will be built and explained the funding of the \$65 million bridge bond.

2. CABE

Ms. McCreven reminded the Board of Education members about the upcoming CABE event, which will be held November 16-18, 2017. There was additional discussion about changing start time for secondary students.

3. Curriculum

Mr. Browe had no update until after the Curriculum Committee meeting next week.

4. Facilities

- a. Draft September 12, 2017 Meeting Minutes (Enclosure)
- b. Facilities Department September 2017 Monthly Report (Enclosure)
- c. Annual Report (Enclosure)

5. Finance

- a. Discussion of Monthly Financial Statements (Enclosure)
- b. Director of Finance and Administration Approved Transfers Under \$3,000 (Enclosure)
- c. Audit Update (Enclosure)

6. Policy

- a. Draft September 18, 2017 Minutes (Enclosure)
- b. First Reading:
 1. Adopt
 - 1170 – Recognition of Students, Citizens, Staff Members, and Members of the Board of Education (Enclosure)
Ms. Cardozo requested that “also” be added to the second sentence. Dr. Dumais will bring this suggestion to the next Policy Committee meeting.
 - 1180 – Memorials for Deceased Students or Staff (Enclosure)
 - 1210 – School-Community Associations (Enclosure)
Ms. McCreven requested that “student” be added to “Parent-Teacher.” Dr. Dumais will bring this suggestion to the next Policy Committee meeting.

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- c. Second Reading:
1. Strike
 - 1112.5 – Media Access to Students (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cardozo, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to strike

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- 1120 – Public Participation at Board of Education Meetings (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cardozo, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to strike

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

2. Adopt
 - 1112 – News Media Relationships (Public, Press, Radio, & TV) (Enclosure)

Motion by Mr. DeMaio, Second by Ms. Carlson to adopt

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- 1114 – District-Sponsored Media (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Ms. Urbano to adopt

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

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- 1140 – Distribution of Materials by Students (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Mr. Belfonti to adopt

Votes in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

- 9132.6 – Amity Finance Committee (Enclosure)

Motion by Ms. McCreven, Second by Mr. Browe add a sentence, "In all cases the Board will include the individual votes of the AFC members and the BOE members in the explanatory text."

Discussion

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Mr. Browe to call the vote on adding the sentence, "In all cases the Board will include the individual votes of the AFC members and the BOE members in the explanatory text."

Votes in favor, 2 (Mr. Browe and Ms. McCreven)

Votes opposed, 8 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

Abstained, 2 (Ms. Berke and Ms. Esposito)

MOTION FAILED

Motion by Ms. Cohen, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to adopt as presented

Votes in favor, 9 (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

Votes opposed, 3 (Mr. Browe, Ms. Esposito, and Ms. McCreven)

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7. Personnel
 - a. September 26, 2017 Minutes (Enclosure)
9. District Health and Safety
Mr. DeMaio had nothing to report until after the upcoming District Health and Safety meeting.

15. ITEMS FOR NEXT MEETING

None

16. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Mr. Demaio, Second by Ms. Cofrancesco to adjourn the meeting

Vote in favor, 12, unanimous (Mr. Belfonti, Ms. Berke, Mr. Browe, Ms. Cardozo, Ms. Carlson, Ms. Cofrancesco, Ms. Cohen, Mr. DeMaio, Ms. Esposito, Ms. McCreven, Ms. Turner, and Ms. Urbano)

MOTION CARRIED

Meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Pamela Pero
Recording Secretary