

MINUTES OF THE REGULAR WOODBRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING

Tuesday, May 19, 2026

Town Hall Main Meeting Room

CALL TO ORDER: Chair Lawrence, called the meeting to order (7:02 PM).

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT: Steven Lawrence, Chair; Lynn Piascyk, Vice Chair; Jackie Cappiello; Megan Conaster; Dr. Michael Strambler; and Saurabh Vilekar.

STAFF: Christopher Montini, Superintendent; Analisa Sherman, Principal; Matthew Madruga, Assistant Principal; Carrie Borcharding, Special Services Director; Donna Coonan, Director of Business Services/Operations; and Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board.

CAPSS SUPERINTENDENT / STUDENT AWARDS – Superintendent Montini presented awards to 6th grade student leaders---Angelina Frabrizio, Ofek Koblentz, Elliot Melo, Charlotte Miller, Charlotte Numberg and Ivy Qin. These students are our vision to inspire future leaders to positively impact our world. This award is designed to honor students who excel in three categories: community service and/or service to others; academic prowess relative to their ability; and leadership to their school community.

MOTION #1 – RECESS A brief recess was convened at 7:20 PM (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*). Chair Lawrence called the meeting back to order (7:26 PM).

CORRESPONDENCE – several emails were received regarding the BRS and Amity Middle School promotion ceremonies.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Alison Valsamis spoke regarding the BRS and Amity Middle School promotion ceremonies being scheduled too close together and on the same day.

The Aponte Family (Nova, Claire, Daniella, Roberto) expressed their disappointment regarding the BRS and Amity Middle School promotion ceremonies being scheduled too close together and on the same day.

Student Council Update – Ms. Nakouzi, Kerry Hopkins, Forest London, Neve Martin-Tolev and Ivy Qin, Grade 5/6 students highlighted the various activities and fund-raising events conducted during the past year inclusive of bake sales, painting at the Senior Center, presents for children in need at Christmas, Cupcake Wars, Math Night guides and participation in the Ronald McDonald tree event to benefit the Children’s Hospital.

MOTION #2 – CONSENT AGENDA Move that we approve the consent agenda as presented. (*Conaster/Piascyk Unanimous*)

Superintendent Report – Superintendent Montini noted enrollment remains steady at 875, with Kindergarten registration hovering around 84, which is lower than the 115 projection. Also stated was the celebration of teacher/staff appreciation by the PTO and the collaboration and recognition of student / staff partnerships. The Town approved the 2026/27 budget at the annual Town meeting with a final BRS budget of \$19,060,938. Also highlighted was the additional supplemental funding to the Town’s general fund from the State in support of education for both Amity and BRS in the amount of \$26,948 and \$13,949 for municipal aid for a total of \$40,897. The 2025/26 favorable surplus will be reviewed at the June 15 meeting along with reconciliation of the 2026/27 budget. Board members were asked to complete the Board Self-Evaluation document and return it to either the WBOE Chair, Superintendent Montini or the Board Clerk.

Superintendent Montini noted that in collaboration with Amity, our 6th grade promotion ceremony was rescheduled to 11:30 AM to ensure parents had ample time to attend both the Amity Middle School ceremony at 8:45 AM and BRS. In addition, parking spots will also be available for those parents as well. Generally, each ceremony is an hour in duration. As the last day is a contractual minimum day, 11:30 is the latest to ensure there is adequate dismissal time for other students.

Summer Programming – Superintendent Montini outlined the schedules for ESY, which will run Monday thru Thursday – from June 29 – July 30 with 2 co-directors Melissa Caporossi and Jenn Winslow, one social worker, one psychologist, 10

teachers and one speech/language pathologist. SEP will increase to five days from June 29 – July 31 and currently has 445 registrations with 80 different course options.

BRS Update – Ms. Sherman noted the Amity senior interns will be in district through June 3. Also noted was the Town collaboration with the Historical Society, Grade 6 students and Library Media Specialist Larissa Crocco on the Whitney Stone project at the Darling House, Artsweek and School Lunch Hero Day. Board members were invited to attend the dedication at the Darling House on June 13 at 2:00.

BRS Building Committee – Ms. Piascyk noted this committee held its inaugural meeting on May 4 with voting members inclusive of Marty Halprine, Gene Chiapetta, Steven Lawrence, Lanna Moore, Justin Rehm, and herself. Marty was elected Chair and Lynn Vice Chair. Non-voting members are Superintendent Montini, Vito Esparo, Donna Coonan, Teresa Ramia (WEA), Analisa Sherman, Tony Genovese, Tom Handler (BOF) and Maria Madonick (BOS). An additional meeting was held on May 12 with a walk-through of BRS and discussion of possible reimbursement options. The newsletter and survey explaining the reasons for building a new school have been mailed to Woodbridge households. All residents are urged to complete the survey to help guide the work of the committee and to share their perspectives on priorities.

Superintendent Montini presented the additional funding request from Antinozzi and Associates regarding the inclusion of additional PK programming into the schematics and Education Specifications. The inclusion of PK allows for additional reimbursement potential.

MOTION #3 – ADDITIONAL FUNDING – ANTINOZZI

Move that we approve the additional funding request for Antinozzi & Associates in the amount of \$12,000 for completion of Tasks 1 and 2 as part of the BRS Conceptual Design and Estimating Services Contract. *(Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous)*

MOTION #4 – REVISED EDUCATION SPECIFICATIONS

Move that we approve the May 14, 2026 revised Education Specifications as presented by Antinozzi Associates and Construction Solutions Group for submission to the BRS Building Committee and the CSDE. *(Piascyk/Vilekar Unanimous)*

Facilities Committee – Chair Lawrence reviewed the May 7 Facilities Committee meeting. The facilities team does a remarkable job keeping our 60+ year old building running.

Finance Committee - Chair Lawrence noted the current surplus of \$95,000. It is anticipated at the June 15 meeting, the Board will discuss possible uses for the surplus.

Policy Committee – Ms. Piascyk presented the policies currently under 30-day review for adoption.

MOTION #5 – POLICY 1313 Move that we adopt Policy_1313 – Gifts to School Personnel as submitted. *(Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous)*

MOTION #6 – POLICY 1316 Move that we adopt Policy 1316 – Conduct on School Property as revised. *(Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous)*

MOTION #7 – POLICY 1321 Move that we adopt Policy 1321 – Public Performance by Students as submitted. *(Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous)*

MOTION #8 – POLICY 1323 Move that we adopt Policy 1323 – Research Projects as revised. *(Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous)*

MOTION #9 – POLICY 1324 Move that we adopt Policy 1324 – Soliciting Funds From and By Students as submitted. *(Piascyk/Vilekar Unanimous)*

MOTION #10 – POLICY 1325 Move that we adopt Policy 1325 – Distribution of Communications as revised. *(Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous)*

MOTION #11 – POLICY 1340 Move that we adopt Policy 1340 – Access to School Procedures and Materials as submitted. (*Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous*)

MOTION #12 – POLICY 1411 Move that we adopt Policy 1411 – Law Enforcement Agencies as revised. (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*)

MOTION #13 – POLICY 1416 Move that we adopt Policy 1416 – Fiscal Authority as submitted. (*Piascyk/Conaster Unanimous*)

MOTION #14 – POLICY 1500 Move that we adopt Policy 1500 – Relations between Area, State, Regional and National Associations and the School District as revised. (*Piascyk/Cappiello Unanimous*)

MOTION #15 – POLICY 5111 Move that we adopt Policy 5111 – Admission as revised. (*Piascyk/Strambler Unanimous*)

CABE Liaison Report – None

Upcoming Meeting Presentations – EDay, Tools for Schools/Wellness; Policy June 1 at 4:30 PM, Curriculum June 3 at 4:00 PM; Finance June 8 at 4:30 PM and the regular WBOE Meeting on June 15 at 7:00 PM at Town Hall including the evaluation of the Superintendent.

NEW BUSINESS – None

PUBLIC COMMENT – None

MOTION TO ADJOURN: 8:53 PM (*Conaster/Strambler Unanimous*)

Recorded by Marsha DeGennaro, Clerk of the Board