

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES
March 30, 2023

1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held at the Litchfield Intermediate School and via teleconference was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by John Morosani.

Members present: Emily Cole, Chair, John Morosani, Vice Chair, Andrew Tita, Treasurer, Tiffany Parkhouse, Rob DeLayo, Jennifer Munson, Jannelle Carroll, Joanne Moore, Bill Davenport, Krista Rizzo, and Christine Lauretano. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Craig Robillard, Accounting Manager, and Deanna Marchand, Region 20 Project Coordinator.

2. Pledge of Allegiance John Morosani invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Committee Reports

Tiffany Parkhouse reported the Policy Committee completed the review of Series 6000 and Series 7000. The committee will next begin a review of policy forms.

Krista Rizzo gave the Communications Committee update. The committee received an update on followers of Region 20 Social Media. The district will maintain a presence on *Instagram* and *Facebook* and will close accounts on *TikTok*, *Snapchat*, and *Twitter* due to low participation. There was a presentation given on the Region 20 website.

Rob DeLayo shared the Facilities Committee reviewed the Region 20 capital projects list and the next work is that the district will begin to formalize the Capital Plan with numbers. The committee also viewed a presentation on Wamogo Student/Visitor Entry. This will be a topic at the next meeting with an alternative entryway.

4. Chairman's Report

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- April 20 – Wamogo - 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 – Goshen Center School – 7:00 p.m.
- May 18 – Litchfield Center School – 7:00 p.m.
- June 1 – James Morris School – 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

Mr. Leone reminded the Board on May 4, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. there would be a professional development session with the district's legal services team.

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Policy Committee minutes of March 16, 2023
- 5.2 Long Term Planning Committee minutes of March 16, 2023
- 5.3 Curriculum Committee minutes of March 16, 2023
- 5.4 Finance Committee minutes of March 2, 2023
- 5.5 Board of Education minutes of March 2, 2023

Bill Davenport made a motion to combine all five sets of minutes for approval. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to approve all sets of five minutes. Bill Davenport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. John Morosani abstained. The motion passes.

6. Public Comment

Individuals offering public comment should please state their first and last name and the town where they reside. Remarks should be limited to no more than three minutes. A maximum time limit of 30 minutes will be allocated for public comment at any one meeting. Individuals representing a common interest or topic may be asked to have one individual speak for the group. Public comments must be relevant to the meeting's agenda. Speakers shall direct all comments to the Board, not to individual BOE members or administrators. Profane or vulgar language, partisan political statements, and comments related to the conduct or performance of staff are not permitted. Public comment is received without Board comment or response, the Board is to keep comments "under advisement." However, BOE members may seek clarification or additional information from speakers through the Chairman.

None

7. Superintendent Update

Mr. Leone shared that at the next Finance Committee meeting on April 20th, there will be a presentation on the Budget Chart of Accounts. Mr. Leone met with the leaders of the Region 6 and Litchfield teachers union and has a plan to launch the curriculum writing process this summer. Negotiations are ongoing with the CEA, WEA, and LEA.

8. Action Items

8.1 Approval of Policy Series 6151-6173 Form 4 (First Read)

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.1 Approval of Policy Series 6151-6173 Form 4 (First Read)*. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6142.101-6146.11 (Second Read)

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6142.101-6146.11 (Second Read)*. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.3 Approval of Athletic Apparel Agreement

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.3 Approval of Athletic Apparel Agreement*. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.4 Approval of Region 20 Branding Process

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.4 Approval of Region 20 Branding Process*. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.5 Approval of Region 20 Insurance Broker

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.5 Approval of Region 20 Insurance Broker*. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.6 Discussion of Color Selection Process

Deanna Marchand made a presentation on the Color Selection Process. Discussion ensued. The district will send the *Under Armour* color blocks to the board to provide feedback on color and color schemes prior to reaching out to the community for voting.

9. Executive Session - Negotiations

Krista Rizzo made a motion to enter Executive Session and invited Mr. Leone. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Entered Executive Session: 7:25 p.m.

Exited Executive Session: 7:52 p.m.

10. Adjourn There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem