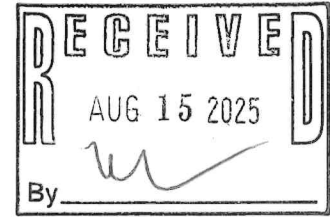


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
July 24, 2025

Curriculum Committee



Committee Members

Margaret Hunt, Chair Tiffany Parkhouse
Diane Barnes Billie Jean Sideris

1. Call to Order The Curriculum Committee meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 6:06 p.m. by Margaret Hunt.

Members present: Margaret Hunt, Chair, Billie Jean Sideris, and Ashley Westfall, (ex officio member as Vice Chair with absence of Board Chair)

Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent, Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Services, and Julia Cardillo, Chief Financial Officer.

Absent: Diane Barnes, and Tiffany Parkhouse.

2. Approval of Curriculum Committee Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025
Ashley Westfall made a motion for the Approval of Curriculum Committee Special Meeting Minutes of June 26, 2025. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. English Curriculum Review - Great Minds Arts & Letters Proposal
Pam Vecca, Principal of Plumb Hill Middle School (PHMS) and Melissa Swanson, PHMS ELA Instructional Area Coordinator gave a presentation on a pilot adoption of the *Arts & Letters* curriculum (grades 6-8) for the 2025-2026 school year.

The presentation included but was not limited to the rationale for the change and selection of this curriculum, the launch of the pilot and teacher support, a review of sample texts, daily routine, costs and budgeting. Questions regarding the pilot were fielded by Pam Vecca, and Dr. Villar. The committee is comfortable with the one-year pilot. Ms. Vecca and her team will meet with the Curriculum Committee on a quarterly basis and provide an update on the pilot.

4. Science Curriculum Review - OpenSciEd Proposal
Due to lack of remaining meeting time, Kyle Harris addressed questions from the Curriculum Committee members regarding the OpenSciEd proposal. This curriculum will be rolled out to students in the upcoming school year.
5. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem