

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES

February 12, 2026

Finance Committee

John Morosani-Chair
Scott Pottbecker

Ashley Hall Daddona
Ashley Westfall



1. Call to Order The Joint Finance Committee and Board of Education meeting held at Litchfield Intermediate School and via teleconference was called to order at 5:32 p.m. by Tiffany Parkhouse.

Members present: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, Ashley Westfall, Vice Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Secretary, Krista Rizzo, Susan Wheeler, Margaret Hunt, Kara Cruoglio, Billie Jean Sideris, Scott Pottbecker, and Rob DeLayo.

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

Absent: John Morosani, and Diane Barnes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Tiffany Parkhouse invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Approval of the Joint Finance Committee & Board of Education meeting minutes of January 29, 2026
No motion was made to approve the minutes.
4. Review & Discuss FY27 Budget. Emphasis on Categories 1-Certified Salaries, 2-Classified Salaries, 3-Benefits, & 4-Learning Programs
Dr. Villar opened this topic by sharing three memos. He attended a press conference and Governor Lamont confirmed state funding for mental health professionals, provided clarification about the Region 6 Bond, Apple Lease Agreement, property and contract transfers, and lastly, responded to questions about the R20 Audit, and Educational Assistants. These memos can be found on the district website.

Dr. Villar turned the meeting over to Julia Cardillo where she resumed review of Category 1 - Certified Salaries, Extra Duty Assignments/Stipends and then moved on to Category 2 - Classified Salaries. Dr. Villar and Julia Cardillo addressed several questions regarding stipend positions and Educational Assistants. The committee and Board will resume review of Category 2 - Classified Salaries at its next meeting on February 19, 2026.
5. 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
6. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this committee and Board the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem