

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20  
JOINT ASTE COMMITTEE & FINANCE COMMITTEE  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
February 5, 2026



ASTE Committee

Diane Barnes - Chair     Rob DeLayo  
John Morosani             Susan Wheeler

Finance Committee

John Morosani - Chair     Ashley Hall Daddona  
Scott Pottbecker           Ashley Westfall

1. Call to Order The Joint ASTE & Finance Committee meeting held at Litchfield Intermediate School and via teleconference was called to order at 4:30 p.m. by Diane Barnes.

ASTE Committee Members Present: Diane Barnes, Chair, Rob DeLayo, John Morosani, and Susan Wheeler. Finance Committee Members Present: John Morosani, Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Scott Pottbecker, and Ashley Westfall.

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

2. ASTE FY26 Needs Assessment Proposal (ASTE Grant) - Presentation

Dr. Villar opened this topic sharing the committee would receive a presentation on the current state and proposal on how to utilize ASTE grant funds to "dramatically" improve the quality and experience of education for our ASTE students.

Dr. Villar introduced Casey Manzolino, Director of the ASTE Program. Ms. Manzolino, along with program staff and representative students from each major, presented on equipment and facility improvements. They outlined costs to be covered by the ASTE Operating Cost Grant. This team, Dr, Villar, and Julia Cardillo addressed questions from the committee members.

Dr. Villar concluded by noting this is an action item on the evening's Board of Education (BOE) agenda, seeking formal authorization from the full Board to proceed with the proposal.

3. Adjournment There being no further business to come before these committees, the meeting adjourned at 5:20 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Escobar  
Secretary, pro-tem