REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
JOINT FINANCE COMMITTEE & BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
February 19, 2026

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Finance Committee

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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 5:30 p.m. by Tiffany Parkhouse.

   Members present: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, Ashley Westfall, Vice Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Secretary, John Morosani, Treasurer, Krista Rizzo, Susan Wheeler, Margaret Hunt, Kara Cruoglio, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, Diane Barnes, and Rob DeLayo. All Finance Committee members present as outlined above.

   Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent, and Julia Cardillo, Chief Financial Officer.

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.
   Krista Rizzo made a motion for the Approval of the Joint Finance Committee & Board of Education meeting minutes of January 29, 2026. Margaret Hunt seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review & Discuss FY27 Budget. Emphasis on Categories 2-Classified Salaries, 3-Benefits, 4-Learning Programs, 5-Tuition, & 6-Transportation.
   The Committee and Board continued review of Category 2-Classified Salaries. Dr. Villar opened this topic speaking about the Behavioral/Climate Coordinator position, providing background on the role and funding. Dr. Villar added there was much discussion at the prior meeting about Lakeview High School teachers with a 6th assignment. He offered for consideration to not fund this new position, but rather add a science teacher position to reduce the number of 6th assignments. Dr. Villar turned the meeting over to Julia Cardillo where she resumed review of the remaining Category 2 details, and completed review of Category 3-Benefits, and Category 4-Learning Programs. Dr. Villar and Julia Cardillo addressed several questions that included but were not limited to administrative assistant staffing at the elementary schools, a per pupil cost to ensure equity across the schools for supplies, and the contracts coming up for negotiation in the following year. The Committee and Board will begin review of Categories 5-Tuition, 6-Transportation, 8-Administrative Services, and 9-Maintenance at its next meeting.

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 6:56 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem