

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20  
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES  
March 16, 2023

1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held at Warren School and via teleconference was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Emily Cole.

Members present: Emily Cole, Chair, Alexandria Papp, Secretary, Andrew Tita, Treasurer, Krista Rizzo, Janelle Carroll, Bill Davenport, Joanne Moore, Rob DeLayo, and Tiffany Parkhouse. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe, Craig Robillard, Accounting Manager, and Deanna Marchand, Region 20 Project Coordinator.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Emily Cole invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Committee Reports

Tiffany Parkhouse provided the Policy Committee update commenting the committee has almost completed its review of Policy Series 6000. The committee expects to complete the 6000 Series at the next meeting and will begin review of Policy Series 7000.

Chris Leone shared that the Long Term Planning committee reviewed the Mascot and Branding/Naming proposal and timeline. This information will go before the Board of Education for approval at the March 30, 2023 meeting.

Alexandria Papp shared that the Curriculum Committee discussed a presentation put together by Kristen Della Volpe on Region 20 Program Planning that covered grade level curriculum, work to be completed, and a timeline for completion of the work prior to the opening of Region 20 on July 1, 2024.

Andrew Tita commented the Finance Committee met with two insurance brokers earlier in the day that submitted RFPs to the district. The Finance Committee hopes to bring forward a recommendation for an insurance broker to the Board at its next meeting. The Committee also reviewed vendor contract lists, discussed an apparel company, and made a motion to bring that forward the apparel company to the full BOE for approval at the next meeting. Also discussed were future presentations that will be given on the budget chart of accounts, and debt.

4. Chairman's Report

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- March 30 – Litchfield Intermediate School – 7:00 p.m.
- April 20 – Wamogo - 7:00 p.m.
- May 4 – Goshen Center School – 7:00 p.m.

*(All meetings will have a remote option)*

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Policy Committee minutes of March 2, 2023
- 5.2 Facilities Committee minutes of March 2, 2023
- 5.3 Finance Committee minutes of March 2, 2023
- 5.4 Board of Education minutes of March 2, 2023

Alexandrea Papp made a motion to approve Action Items 5.1 through 5.4 meeting minutes of March 2, 2023. Bill Davenport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

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's Superintendent Update included next steps from the feedback from students at the Joint Student Council meeting held in February, next steps on the Board feedback on the Facilities & Capital Lists for Region 20, and provided an update on Mascot Madness with currently 650 people who have voted on the Sweet 16 bracket.

8. Action Items

8.1 Approval of Policy Series 6142.101-6146.11 (First Read)

Krista Rizzo made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.1. Approval of Policy Series 6142.101-6146.11 (First Read)*. Janelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6114.1 – 6141.324 (Second Read)

Krista Rizzo made a motion to approve *Action Item 8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6114.1 - 6141.324 (Second Read)*. Andrew Tita seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

9. Executive Session - Negotiations

Alexandrea Papp made a motion to enter Executive Session and invited Chris Leone, Kristen Della Volpe, and Craig Robillard. Tiffany Parkhouse seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The vote passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session: 7:08 p.m.

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to exit Executive Session. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Exited Executive Session: 7:59 p.m.

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to adjourn. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjourn There being no further business to come before this Board the meeting adjourned at 7:59 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Escobar  
Secretary, pro-tem