

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
Special Meeting Minutes
May 18, 2023

ASTE Committee

1. Call to Order The ASTE Committee meeting held at Litchfield Center School and via teleconference was called to order at 4:34 p.m. by Bill Davenport.

Members present: Bill Davenport, Chair, Christine Lauretano, Jannelle Carroll, and Alexandria Papp. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Emily Cole, John Morosani, Joanne Moore, Tiffany Parkhouse, Andrew Tita, Rob DeLayo, Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Deanna Marchand, and Region 20 Project Manager.

2. Discussion on Arethusa Farm Project

The committee discussed several topics as it relates to the Arethusa Farm Project that included but was not limited to the status of the Foundation, the status of work that has been completed to date at the farm, usage for the large barn, and holding a future Town of Litchfield Open House.

Bill Davenport also shared information on The Kentucky Castle project. Behind the castle is a student-run working farm where students supply locally sourced ingredients to the Castle's restaurant. A video link will be shared with the Board for future discussion and how this concept could be applied to the Arethusa Farm project.

3. Discussion on ASTE Committee – Future Structure

Mr. Leone led a discussion on the future structure of the ASTE Committee. Due to the broader scope of the Arethusa Farm project, the committee agreed the ASTE Committee will be moved from Special Committee status to Standing Committee status. The Policy Committee will take up Policy 9132 Bylaws of the Board - Standing Committees at its next meeting to make this revision.

4. Other Business

Mr. Leone shared future ASTE Committee agenda items that will include inviting Charlie Rowland, ASTE Liaison to talk about enrollment, legislation for Region 20 AgSci program regarding expanding enrollment, inviting AgSci staff to speak to the different programs and courses offered to students, and what a potential AgSci middle school program could look like.

5. Adjourn There being no further business to come before the committee, Christine Lauretano made a motion to adjourn. Emily Cole seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 5:03 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem