

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
May 31, 2023

Policy Committee

1. Call to Order The Policy Committee meeting held at James Morris School and via teleconference was called to order at 6:08 p.m. by Tiffany Parkhouse.

Members present: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, Andy Tita, Jannelle Carroll, and Joanne Moore. Also present: Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Emily Cole, Christine Lauretano, Bill Davenport, Rob DeLayo, John Morosani, Krista Rizzo, Alexandra Papp, Jennifer Munson, and Deanna Marchand, Region 20 Project Coordinator.

2. Revision of Policy 9132

Tiffany Parkhouse led a discussion on making the ASTE Committee a Standing Committee versus Special Committee. Members are all in agreement with this change. Additionally, the committee will draft the Responsibilities and Duties of the ASTE Committee and bring this forward at the next meeting for discussion. The committee also discussed the wording in the last paragraph under *Standing Committees* and will strike the word *entire* from that sentence.

3. Discussion Transgender Policy 5145.53

The committee decided to table any further discussion on the Transgender Policy 5145.53 until there is clarity on legislation as it relates to this policy.

4. Discussion on Armed Security Policy 4211.2

Tiffany Parkhouse led a discussion on Armed Security Policy 4211.2. Committee and Board members offered their thoughts on this Policy. Tiffany Parkhouse acknowledged Jessica Barone of Morris who wished to comment on the topic. Ms. Barone commented on conducting her own research on the topic and shared that knowing a resource officer or security personnel is armed may make a criminal think twice before targeting a school. She went on to say criminals will get guns in their hands regardless of how many laws are passed and she prefers that a law-abiding citizen who is trained and committed to protecting our children be in our schools. This may also be a deterrent for a criminal from choosing the school as a target. Ms. Barone thanked the committee for allowing her to speak. Further discussion ensued.

Andrew Tita made a motion to move the Armed Security Policy 4211.2 to the Board of Education on June 22, 2023, for First Read. Tiffany Parkhouse seconded the motion. Calling for a vote the motion passes 3-0-1.

5. Other Business

None

6. Adjourn There being no further business to come before this Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem