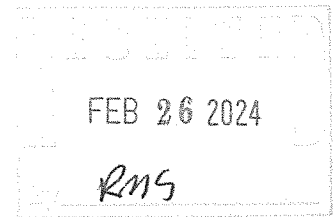


REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
February 15, 2024



1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held via teleconference was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Emily Cole.

Members present: Emily Cole, Chair, John Morosani, Vice Chair, Alexandria Papp, Secretary, Jannelle Carroll, Krista Rizzo, Bill Davenport, Matt Terzian, Christine Lauretano, Jennifer Munson, and Tiffany Parkhouse. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Services, 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

Matt Terzian provided the Long Term Planning Committee update sharing that the committee reviewed the format and design of the Strategic Plan. A draft of the plan will be available in April for review.

Emily Cole shared that the Facilities Committee met and discussed athletic uniforms, approved moving the Ropes Course to the Capital Plan, and received a pool update.

The ASTE Committee update given by Bill Davenport, included a recruiting update, a *Forest to Furniture* presentation that will also be included in the Capital Plan, and received a legislative update.

Emily Cole provided the Finance Committee update where they reviewed the EdAdvance Food Services Contract, discussed applying for a line of credit, and received the Budget Workshop #2 presentation.

4. Chairman's Report

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- March 14 – James Morris School – 7:00 p.m.
- March 28 – Warren School – 7:00 p.m.
- April 11 – Litchfield Intermediate School – 7:00 p.m.
- April 22 – Wamogo – 7:00 p.m. (Budget Hearing)
- May 6 – Wamogo – 7:00 p.m. (Budget Vote)
- May 23 – Goshen Center School – 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

5. Approval of Minutes

- 5.1 Policy Committee minutes of February 1, 2024
- 5.2 Curriculum Committee minutes of February 1, 2024
- 5.3 Facilities Committee minutes of February 1, 2024
- 5.4 Board of Education minutes of February 5, 2024

John Morosani made a motion to combine the Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2024, and the Board of Education meeting minutes of February 5, 2024. Tiffany Parkhouse seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with Christine Lauretano abstaining.

John Morosani made a motion to approve the Committee meeting minutes of February 1, 2024, and the Board of Education meeting minutes of February 5, 2024. Bill Davenport seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed with Christine Lauretano abstaining.

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.

Margaret Hunt of Litchfield commented on the Board to *keep up the good work*.

7. Superintendent Update

Mr. Leone opened by thanking the 43 people online who attended this meeting as it is unusual to have this many people at a Board or Committee meeting. The Superintendent Update included information on ESY (Extended School Year), the process for staff moving building locations, and commented it is expected the ASFCME contract will go to the Board for approval at the March 14, 2024 meeting.

8. Action Items

8.1 Approval of Mascot Costume

Krista Rizzo made a motion to approve the Mascot Costume. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Backdrop – Lakeview High School

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve the Backdrop - Lakeview High School. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.3 Approval of Varsity Coach Hiring Process

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to Approve the Varsity Coach Hiring Process. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion the motion.

During the discussion, it was asked if parents would be included in the interviewing hiring process. Mr. Leone confirmed yes parents will be invited as well as students.

Emily Cole called for a vote. The motion passed unanimously.

8.4 Approval of Policy 5114.2 Suspension from Interscholastic Athletics (First Read)

John Morosani made a motion to Approve Policy 5114.2 Suspension from Interscholastic Athletics (First Read). Alexandria Papp seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

8.5 Approval of Job Descriptions

8.5.1 Assistant Facility Director

8.5.2 Payroll Clerk

John Morosani made a motion to Approve the Assistant Facility Director and Payroll Clerk Job Descriptions. Matt Terzian seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

9. Executive Session

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to enter Executive Session and invited Chris Leone, Kristen Della Volpe, and Julie Haggard to discuss negotiations. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Entered Executive Session: 7:19 p.m.

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

Exited Executive Session: 7:32 p.m.

10. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this Board John Morosani made a motion to adjourn. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:32 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem