

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20  
BOARD OF EDUCATION  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
April 2, 2026



Curriculum Committee

Committee Members

Margaret Hunt, Chair  
Diane Barnes

Tiffany Parkhouse  
Billie Jean Sideris

1. Call to Order The Curriculum Committee meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 4:32 p.m. by Margaret Hunt.

Members present: Margaret Hunt, Chair, Tiffany Parkhouse, and Billie Jean Sideris.

Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent, Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Services, Julia Cardillo, Chief Financial Officer, Pam Vecca, Principal Plumb Hill Middle School, Val Leifert, ELA Teacher (Gr. 6), Kim Thompson ELA Teacher (Gr. 6), Christy Concilio, ELA Teacher (Grs. 7 & 8), and Melissa Swanson, ELA Teacher (Gr. 8).

Absent: Diane Barnes.

2. Approval of Curriculum Committee Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026  
Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion for the Approval of Curriculum Committee Special Meeting Minutes of January 15, 2026. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Review the Plumb Hill Middle School Pilot Implementation of Arts & Letters and Prepare a Recommendation to the Full Board of Education Regarding Potential Adoption  
Pam Vecca and her team of ELA (English Language Arts) teachers presented the *Arts & Letters* pilot results for Grades 6–8. Key takeaways included improved student engagement, instructional consistency, curriculum lesson format to fit 50-minute periods and vertical alignment with K–5. Pam Vecca and her team addressed questions from the Committee members. After all questions were addressed the Committee Chair polled each member and as a whole, they were in support of moving the *Arts & Letters* curriculum to the full Board of Education for potential adoption.
4. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this Committee, the meeting adjourned at 5:35 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,  
Christine Escobar  
Secretary, pro-tem