REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20 BOARD OF EDUCATION MEETING MINUTES October 6, 2022



1. <u>Call to Order</u> The Board of Education meeting held in the Wamogo Library Media Center and via teleconference was called to order at 4:09 p.m. by Emily Cole.

Members present: Emily Cole, Chair, John Morosani, Vice Chair, Alexandrea Papp, Secretary, Joanne Moore, Krista Rizzo, Jannelle Carroll, Rob DeLayo, Christine Lauretano, and Tiffany Parkhouse. Andrew Tita, Treasurer joined the meeting at 4:18 p.m. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

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

3. Approval of Minutes

- 3.1.1 Review the Board of Education Retreat minutes of September 17, 2022
- 3.1.2 Review the Policy Committee minutes of September 22, 2022
- 3.1.3 Review the Finance Committee minutes of September 22, 2022
- 3.1.4 Review the Facilities Committee minutes of September 22, 2022
- 3.1.5 Review the Board of Education minutes of September 22, 2022

Tiffany Parkhouse made a motion to approve the minutes, Items 3.1.1 through 3.1.5. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

4. Public Comment

None

5. Update on Legal RFP

Mr. Leone stated the Legal RFP was issued following the September 22, 2022, Board of Education meeting. Responses are due on Tuesday, October 11, 2022.

6. Action Items

6.1 Approval of RFP for Banking Services

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to approve Action Item 6.1. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Leone added the Banking Services RFP will be released on October 11, 2022 and posted to the district website.

6.2 Policy Series 1000 (First Read)

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to approve Action Item 6.2. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion.

During discussion Jannelle Carroll asked for clarification on Policy 1700 and whether School Resource Officers are allowed to carry a firearm. Mr. Leone commented the policy allows for this and added when the Policy Committee reviews

the School Resource Officer policy, it will be at this time the Board will decide on this issue.

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

6.3 Job Descriptions (First Read)

- 6.3.1 Business Manager
- 6.3.2 Accounts Payable
- 6.3.3 Payroll/Benefits Coordinator

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to approve Action Item 6.3.1 through 6.3.3 John Morosani seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

6.4 Job Descriptions (Second Read)

- 6.4.1 Superintendent
- 6.4.2 Assistant Superintendent
- 6.4.3 Executive Assistant to Superintendent
- 6.4.4 Human Resources Manager

Jannelle Carroll made a motion to approve Action Item 6.4.1 through 6.4.4 Joanne Moore seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

6.5 Begin Superintendent Negotiations

Jannelle Carroll read aloud the following: I move that the Board of Education for Region 20 provide permission for the Board Chair to commence negotiations with Christopher G. Leone to become the Superintendent of Region 20 commencing on July 1, 2024. Joanne Moore seconded the motion. No discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Mr. Leone extended his thanks to the Board for this opportunity.

7. Other Business

Mr. Leone provided a number of updates to the Board that included a response from Matt Venhorst regarding Emily Cole's letter of September 29, 2022, a job description for a Region 20 Project Coordinator that will go before the Litchfield Board of Education for approval on October 13, 2022, and that corporation documents are in process and the Board will likely see a draft at its next meeting. Mr. Leone added he presented the Road Map presentation to all staff and addressed questions. He plans to schedule Town Tour meetings in late October on Region 20 progress. Mr. Leone closed by sharing he will be meeting with a consultant regarding the development of a Region 20 website with the goal of having it up and running by July 1, 2023.

8. Executive Session (if needed)

None

9. Adjourn

Alexandrea Papp made a motion to adjourn. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. The motion passes unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 4:27 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Christine Escobar Secretary, pro-tem