

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
August 7, 2025

Policy Committee

Committee Members

Ashley Westfall, Chair
Margaret Hunt

Ashley Hall Daddona
Billie Jean Sideris

1. Call to Order The Policy Committee Meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 6:15 p.m. by Ashley Westfall.

Members present: Ashley Westfall, Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Margaret Hunt, and Billie Jean Sideris.

Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Services, and Julia Cardillo, CFO.

2. Committee Procedures

Dr. Villar shared his thoughts on how to tackle Policy review. He opened by sharing there are several mandated policies that does not allow for flexibility with edits and some such as Policy 3323 Bid Process that does. He went onto explain the difference between CABA policies and how they are drafted and Shipman & Goodwin policies and how they are drafted. Dr. Villar spoke about how policies are adopted, typically the policy will go before the full Board of Education for First Read and then Second Read/Adoption. Dr. Villar closed by sharing with his experience, he suggests the Policy Committee review policies by Series and start with the Series with the most impact, such as Series 5000 Students versus Series 7000 Construction.

3. Approval of Policy Committee Special Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2025

Margaret Hunt made a motion for the Approval of Policy Committee Special Meeting Minutes of February 20, 2025. Ashley Hall Daddona seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

4. Review Policy 3323 Bid Process

Dr. Villar provided an overview of Policy 3323 Bid Process. He commented the Committee may want to consider revising the dollar amount upward on when the district goes out to bid on expenditures and recommends striking the last two paragraphs, "The school district reserves . . . is not applicable to regional school boards" as it applies to municipal school districts.

Discussion with Committee members included but was not limited to increasing the current bid amount of \$5,000 to \$10,000 due to inflation and not to increase the figure too high as the district is rebuilding trust with the community. The district could monitor the impact on this new figure and monitor the times it needs to go out to bid. If this becomes burdensome, the Policy Committee would revisit and discuss. The Committee members have consensus on increasing the figure to

\$10,000 and striking the last two paragraphs that are not applicable to Regional School Districts. This policy will be moved forward to the full Board of Education for First Read.

5. Review Policy 5139.911 School Climate

Dr. Villar opened review of Policy 5139.911 School Climate describing this one as an absolute mandate and the Committee will need to discuss and determine preference between the CABE or Shipman & Goodwin policy. Margaret Hunt commented she prefers the CABE policy as it is more comprehensive. The Committee deferred to Julie Haggard and looked toward her expertise on this matter. Julie Haggard shared her thoughts and recommended the CABE policy. The Committee members had consensus with Julie Haggard's recommendation. This policy will be moved forward to the full Board of Education for First Read.

6. Review Policy 5144.2 Physical Restraints/Seclusion/Exclusionary Time Out

The Committee again looked to Julie Haggard's expertise on Policy 5144.2. Ms. Haggard commented there can often be changes from the state regarding these topics. She shared the Shipman & Goodwin policy puts the district in compliance and allows time for the district to react and implement necessary changes without having to immediately edit this policy. The Committee members had consensus with Julie Haggard's recommendation. This policy will be moved forward to the full Board of Education for First Read.

7. Review Policy 5144.12 Restorative Practice

Julie Haggard's recommends the Committee take up the CABE policy for the consistency with Policy 5139.911 School Climate. Dr. Villar shared the district has some Professional Development it needs to do regarding Restorative Practice and reinforce its importance. The Committee members had consensus with Julie Haggard's recommendation. This policy will be moved forward to the full Board of Education for First Read.

8. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:53 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem