

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
Special Meeting Minutes
September 2, 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 5:00 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., Superintendent.

2. Approval of Policy Committee Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2025
Margaret Hunt made a motion for the Approval of Policy Committee Special Meeting Minutes of August 7, 2025. Bille Jean Sideris seconded the motion. There was not discussion. The motion passed unanimously.
3. Discussion – Purpose of Policy
Dr. Villar opened by sharing his thoughts on recent Board discussions and policies saying a policy is essentially legal information for administration and provides guard rails for the district. The principals create handbooks and translate these policies in common language for parents and students to understand. Policies are typically written by lawyers with legal terminology, and we need to be cautious making edits as to not materially change the intent of the policy and put the district at risk. There are a number of policies to review, and we need to be more efficient in processing them. He shared an article with the committee, *School district policies: definition, best practices and examples*, and it was suggested this article be shared with the full Board.
4. Cell Phone Policy 5131.82 – Discussion and Potential Revisions
There was a lengthy discussion about cell phones in school. Conversation included but was not limited to how the proposed policy aligns with state guidance, having a phone on your person versus storing the phone in a backpack, locker or cubby, and the need to have language in the policy to protect the district from liability of lost, damaged or stolen devices. There was Committee member consensus on a draft *Students Electronic Devices* policy that will go before the full Board of Education for first read at its next meeting on September 11, 2025.
5. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this Committee the meeting adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem