

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
September 25, 2025

1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 7:01 p.m. by Tiffany Parkhouse.

Members present: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, Ashley Westfall, Vice Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Secretary, John Morosani, Treasurer, Krista Rizzo, Susan Wheeler, Margaret Hunt, Kara Cruoglio, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, and Rob DeLayo.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance Tiffany Parkhouse invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Committee Reports

Ashley Westfall commented the Policy Committee met earlier in the evening and policy *Series 5000 – Students* is currently being reviewed. The committee will move forward 12 mandated policies to the full Board for first read at its next meeting on October 16, 2025.

Scott Pottbecker gave an update on the Facilities Committee meeting commenting on the following projects, hot water heater and well pump at Goshen Center School, expanding the district vendor list, and update on the Warren water storage tanks, and above ground oil tank.

4. Chairman's Report & Update

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- October 16 – Lakeview High School – 7:00 p.m.
- November 20 – Lakeview High School – 7:00 p.m.
- December 11 – Lakeview High School – 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

Note: Tentative Special Board of Education meetings on October 30, 2025, and November 6, 2025

Tiffany Parkhouse congratulated Bill Davenport, former Region 20 Board of Education member for being appointed as the Executive Director of the Arethusa Foundation. She also thanked Margaret Hunt for attending the CAFE conferences and sharing her learnings with the Board. Tiffany Parkhouse reminded the Board members that November 20, 2025, is the ASTE Open House and it is a very worthwhile event to attend.

5. Board of Education - Correspondence

None.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025

6.2 Out of State Field Trip – Springfield, MA – L. Bennett

6.3 Approval of Co-Op Agreement – Cheerleading Team

6.4 Job Description - Financial Coordinator

Tiffany Parkhouse opened by saying there is a request to pull Item 6.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025, as there is one minor but important edit to the minutes.

Margaret Hunt made a motion to remove Item 6.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025, from the Consent Agenda, and add Action Item 10.1.2 Discussion and Possible Action for the Approval of the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025. Kara Cruoglio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda Items 6.2 through 6.4. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Student Council/FFA Updates

Ayla Marquez, Class of 2026 President and Elliot McArdle, Class of 2026 Vice President shared information on activities occurring at Lakeview High School. Tyler Horn, Wamogo FFA President, and Tony Boggio, Wamogo FFA Student Advisor, shared information on recent FFA events.

8. Superintendent Update

Dr. Villar gave the Superintendent Update acknowledging the Athletic Department. Lakeview High School is the recipient of the Fred Balsamo Award for Sportsmanship. The CIAC also donated two immersion tubs to the Athletic Department that will be housed for use at Plumb Hill Middle School and Lakeview High School.

8.1 Strategic Planning Overview

Dr. Villar gave a presentation on Strategic Planning for Region 20.

9. 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.

Becky Hubschman, Goshen, spoke about her personal experience with her children's course selections at Plumb Hill Middle School and Lakeview High School.

Lois Silver, Morris, commented she would like to hear about what the students in the Transition Program are doing in addition to receiving the other student reports at Board of Education meetings.

Gretchen Ewers, Goshen commented about the loss of some academic support positions and the teachers taking on new responsibilities as a result.

Tiffany Parkhouse closed Public Comment and then shared the Board needs to add Action Item 10.1.3 Approval of a Hot Water Heater for Goshen Center School and asked if any Board member would like to make a motion.

John Morosani made a motion to add Action Item 10.1.3 Approval of a Hot Water Heater for Goshen Center School. Susan Wheeler seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

10. Action Items

10.1.1 Discussion and Possible Action for the Approval of New Policy 5131.81 Student Electronic Devices (Second Read/Adoption)

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion for the Approval of New Policy 5131.81 Student Electronic Devices (Second Read/Adoption). Krista Rizzo seconded the motion.

During discussion Margaret Hunt inquired about the Administration Regulation for 5131.81 Student Electronic Devices. Dr. Villar commented he would again share the Regulation with the Board for its review.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

10.1.2 Discussion and Possible Action for the Approval of Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025

Kara Cruoglio requested the Board of Education Meeting Minutes of September 11, 2025, be amended - specifically Item 3. Committee Reports. The edit would reflect that the Strategic Planning Committee gave input regarding the survey tool, however, it is the decision of the Superintendent to select the survey tool - remove the word "selection" or adjust the wording.

The Board Clerk will amend the minutes to reflect the above.

Ashley Westfall made a motion to approve the amended Board of Education Minutes of September 11, 2025. John Morosani seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

10.1.3 Approval of a Hot Water Heater at Goshen Center School

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion for the Approval of a Hot Water Heater at Goshen Center School. Scott Pottbecker seconded the motion clarifying "to replace two hot water heaters for \$14,240."

During discussion John Morosani inquired about budget funds and Julia Cardillo responded the funds would come from the Capital Projects Contingency line item.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

11. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board, Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to adjourn. John Morosani seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:57 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem