

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
APRIL 20, 2026

Budget Hearing

1. Call to Order The Budget Hearing meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 7:00 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, Kara Cruoglio, Diane Barnes, Billie Jean Sideris, and Rob DeLayo.

Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent, and Julia Cardillo, Chief Financial Officer.

Absent: Margaret Hunt and Scott Pottbecker.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Tiffany Parkhouse invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.
3. Presentation of the Regional School District No. 20 Fiscal Year 2026-2027 Budget
Dr. Villar presented the 2026-2027 Budget Presentation, which emphasized maintaining high-quality educational programs while addressing infrastructure needs and staffing requirements across the district. The proposed budget includes allocations for various facility upgrades and technology. He also gave a school-by-school review of staffing adjustments, commenting that the teacher to student ratio enrollment in schools does meet BOE policy without impacting the quality of education.
4. Questions and Comments from District Citizens
Gretchen Ewers, Goshen spoke about the value of small class sizes, Tier I Intervention and shared she would vote in favor of the budget.

Kristin Newton, Warren spoke to the value of public school teachers, citing the recent Artemis mission as an example of success, noting that the astronauts are products of public school education. She encouraged the community to invest in the future by supporting the school budget.

Mary Stolle, Warren asked about the reporting structure for the Interventionist position. She also commented about a Plumb Hill Middle School cheer coach volunteer and encouraged the Board of Education to consider making this a stipend position.

Mike LaRue, Warren spoke about school nurses and the number of nurses in each school.

Sally Torno, Bantam inquired about the elimination of the secondary choral position and the addition of a science teacher at Lakeview High School.
5. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem