

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
June 11, 2026

1. Call to Order The Board of Education 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, Margaret Hunt, Kara Cruoglio, Diane Barnes, Billie Jean Sideris, and Rob DeLayo.

Also present: Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent, Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent Pupil Services, Julia Cardillo, Chief Financial Officer, Randi Zanesky, Teacher, James Morris School, Kyle Harris, Teacher, Plumb Hill Middle School, and Rebecca Furlong, 2026-2027 FFA President, Lakeview High School.

Absent: Scott Pottbecker.

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

Tiffany Parkhouse commented that Rebecca Furlong, the student speaker, has a school-related conflict with this meeting and requested a motion be made to move Item *7.1 Student Reports* to *5.1 Student Reports* after the *Chairman's Report & Update* to accommodate Ms. Furlong's schedule.

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to move 7.1 Student Reports to 5.1 Student Reports on the meeting agenda to allow for the student to attend both events. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

3. Points of Pride

Dr. Villar introduced Holly Tarrant, Grade 4/5 ELA teacher at James Morris School who recognized fourth grade student Micah Barney, as a June Points of Pride recipient. Miss Barney was named as a Top Select winner in *asap!*'s *Celebration of Young Writers* for her piece, "*Music.*" Ms. Barney read her award winning poem to the Board and audience members.

4. Committee Reports

Kara Cruoglio reported that the Strategic Planning Committee held a series of meetings to develop goals for the Board of Education. These goals align with the Strategic Plan presented by Dr. Villar in the fall, and will be presented to the Board tonight for discussion and consideration.

5. Chairman's Report & Update

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- June 25 - Lakeview High School – 7:00 p.m.
- July 9 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- July 23 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- August 6 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- August 20 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

5.1 Student Reports

Rebecca Furlong, 2026-2027 FFA President thanked the Board for accommodating her schedule. She then gave a report on the students activities at Lakeview High School.

6. Consent Agenda

6.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes of May 21, 2026

6.2 Full-Service Interschool Agreement Form - School Year 2026-2027 - EdAdvance Food Services

6.3 Transportation Agreement - 2026-2029 - EdAdvance

6.4 Approval of New Hires

6.4.1 Xander Galusha, Custodian - Lakeview High School

6.4.2 Michael Shanks, Custodian - Lakeview High School

6.5 Appointment

6.5.1 Randi Zanesky, Elementary Intervention and Instruction Coordinator - District

Margaret Hunt made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Kara Cruoglio seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

7. Superintendent Update

Dr. Villar's Superintendent Update included a comment about early dismissal on June 12, 2026, due to extreme heat and uncomfortable temperatures in schools and classrooms. Additionally, the window for completing the Climate Survey is closing shortly, and he hosted the first Technology & Schooling Advisory Committee meeting this week.

A Board member was interested in information on future Technology & Schooling Advisory Committee meeting dates. Dr. Villar said the next meeting is scheduled for September and that information will be shared with the Board.

7.1 Student Reports

See Item 5.1 *Student Reports*.

7.2 Personnel Report

Dr. Villar introduced Randi Zanesky, the recently appointed Elementary Intervention and Instruction Coordinator who coincidentally was in attendance to help present the PDEC & Advisory Committee work to the Board. Dr. Villar spoke about the opportunities he had this year to work with Ms. Zanesky on several levels, and was highly complimentary of her skills and noted that she is a fabulous teacher.

Dr. Villar then went on to review the June 2026 Personnel Report.

7.3 Board of Education Goals - Action Anticipated

Dr. Villar gave a presentation on Strategic Planning that included the proposed Board of Education goals, how each goal will be measured, why each goal is high leverage for Region 20, and next step. Dr. Villar also addressed questions from the Board.

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to adopt the Board of Education Goals. Ashley Westfall seconded the motion.

During discussion, Ashley Westfall complimented the Strategic Planning Committee members as developing the Board of Education goals is a big undertaking.

There being no further discussion, Tiffany Parkhouse called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

7.4 PDEC & Advisory Panel Update - Randi Zanesky & Kyle Harris

Jeffrey Villar introduced Randi Zanesky and Kyle Harris, members of the PDEC & Advisory Panel who gave a presentation on the work conducted to support PDEC in the current and upcoming school year. Both Randi Zanesky and Kyle Harris addressed questions from the Board.

8. 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.

Matt Tobin, Litchfield, a former Board of Finance Committee member, offered comments on the FY25 Audit and requested additional financial details regarding Litchfield Public Schools and Regional School District No. 6.

9. Action Items

9.1 Discussion and Possible Action to Accept a Donation - Policy 3280 Gifts, Grants, Bequests

- Monetary Donation - Lakeview High School Debate Club

Susan Wheeler made a motion to accept the Monetary Donation - Lakeview High School Debate Club per Policy 3280 Gifts, Grants, Bequests. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion.

During discussion one Board of Education member asked if there was knowledge on how the funds would be utilized and another member asked if this was a newly formed club. Dr. Villar commented he would get further information about the Debate Club from the Lakeview High School principal and will respond back to the Board accordingly.

There being no further discussion, Tiffany Parkhouse called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

9.2 FY25 Budget Audit - CLA (CliftonLarsonAllen, LLC) - Action Anticipated

At the May 21, 2026 Board of Education meeting, a member had questions about OPEB (Other Post Employment Benefits). Julia Cardillo reviewed two documents that responded to the concerns and described additional actions that occurred prior to this meeting to address the questions. The Board member expressed satisfaction with the response.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a motion to accept the FY25 Budget Audit.

Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to accept the FY25 Budget Audit. John Morosani seconded the motion.

During discussion, Kara Cruoglio inquired whether approving the FY25 Budget Audit would preclude the Board from requesting further information about it, such as the question asked during Public Comment. Julia Cardillo responded that it does not, and that she can provide any additional information the Board requests of her.

There being no further discussion, Tiffany Parkhouse called for a vote.

The motion passed unanimously.

10. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board, Krista Rizzo made a motion to adjourn. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:21 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem