

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
July 7, 2026

1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held at Lakeview High School and via teleconference was called to order at 6:01 p.m. by Jeffrey Villar, Ph.D., Superintendent.

Members present: Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Kara Cruoglio, Margaret Hunt, Josh Szwed, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, Rob DeLayo, Tiffany Parkhouse, and Ashley Westfall.

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

2. Pledge of Allegiance Dr. Villar invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Election of Officers

Dr. Villar gave an overview of the process for the election of officers. He also welcomed new Board of Education members Sharon Mahieu, Goshen and Josh Szwed, Litchfield.

Dr. Villar then opened the floor for nominations for the Chairperson.

a. Chairperson

Susan Wheeler nominated Tiffany Parkhouse for Chairperson. Margaret Hunt seconded the nomination.

Dr. Villar then called for second and third nominations. There being none, Dr. Villar closed nominations.

Prior to voting, it was requested the nominee share a few words on why she would like to be elected to this position. Tiffany Parkhouse then accepted the nomination and spoke on why she would like to be Chairperson.

Dr. Villar called for a roll call vote.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, Tiffany Parkhouse, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor of the nomination.

Rob DeLayo voted against the nomination.

Tiffany Parkhouse was elected Chairperson with 96.99% in favor, with one vote in favor from each member town.

The meeting was then turned over to the Chairperson, Tiffany Parkhouse.

b. Vice Chairperson

Tiffany Parkhouse called for nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Margaret Hunt nominated Kara Cruoglio for Vice Chairperson.

Ashley Hall Daddona nominated Ashley Westfall for Vice Chairperson.

Diane Barnes seconded the nomination for Kara Cruoglio as Vice Chairperson.

Scott Pottbecker seconded the nomination of Ashley Westfall for Vice Chairperson.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for any additional candidates before she closed nominations.

Kara Cruoglio and Ashley Westfall both accepted the nomination and shared a few words on why they would like to be Vice Chairperson.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, and Billie Jean Sideris voted in favor of Kara Cruoglio.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Scott Pottbecker, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor of Ashley Westfall.

Diane Barnes, Rob DeLayo, and Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

No candidate was elected as they failed to reach 66% of the vote, with one vote in favor from each member town. (Kara Cruoglio 59.84% in favor, Ashley Westfall 29.11% in favor).

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a second round of nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Margaret Hunt nominated Kara Cruoglio for Vice Chairperson. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the nomination.

Ashley Hall Daddona nominated Ashley Westfall for Vice Chairperson. Scott Pottbecker seconded the nomination.

Kara Cruoglio and Ashley Westfall both accepted the nomination.

Tiffany Parkhouse asked the Board members if they had any questions that would assist with their voting decisions. Comments included but were not limited to liking “the status quo” and having representation from each member town in a leadership role.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, and Billie Jean Sideris voted in favor of Kara Cruoglio.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor of Ashley Westfall.

Rob DeLayo and Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

No candidate was elected as they failed to reach 66% of the vote, with one vote in favor from each member town. (Kara Cruoglio 59.84% in favor, Ashley Westfall 34.14% in favor).

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a third round of nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Margaret Hunt nominated Kara Cruoglio for Vice Chairperson. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the nomination.

Ashley Hall Daddona nominated Ashley Westfall for Vice Chairperson. Scott Pottbecker seconded the nomination.

Both nominees shared additional information regarding their candidacy.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, and Billie Jean Sideris voted in favor of Kara Cruoglio.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor of Ashley Westfall.

Rob DeLayo and Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

No candidate was elected as they failed to reach 66% of the vote, with one vote in favor from each member town. (Kara Cruoglio 59.84% in favor, Ashley Westfall 34.14% in favor).

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a fourth round of nominations for Vice Chairperson.

Ashley Hall Daddona nominated Ashley Westfall for Vice Chairperson. Scott Pottbecker seconded the nomination.

There were no other nominations so Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor.

Rob DeLayo voted against the nomination.

Kara Cruoglio and Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

Ashley Westfall was elected Vice Chairperson with 75.71% in favor, with one vote in favor from each member town.

c. Secretary

Tiffany Parkhouse called for nominations for Secretary.

Susan Wheeler nominated Ashley Hall Daddona for Secretary. Scott Pottbecker seconded the nomination.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for any additional candidates before she closed nominations.

Ashley Hall Daddona accepted the nomination and shared a few words on why she would like to be elected to this position.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Sharon Mahieu, Susan Wheeler, Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, Billie Jean Sideris, Rob DeLayo, and Ashley Westfall voted in favor of the nomination.

Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

Ashley Hall Daddona was elected Secretary with 96.99% in favor, with one vote in favor from each member town.

d. Treasurer

Tiffany Parkhouse called for nominations for Treasurer.

Kara Cruoglio nominated Billie Jean Sideris for Treasurer. Margaret Hunt seconded the nomination.

Ashley Westfall nominated Scott Pottbecker for Treasurer. Ashley Hall Daddona seconded the nomination.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for any additional nominations before she closed nominations.

Billie Jean Sideris and Scott Pottbecker accepted the nominations and each shared a few words on why they would like to be elected to this position.

Tiffany Parkhouse called for a roll call vote.

Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Margaret Hunt, Billie Jean Sideris, Rob DeLayo, Sharon Mahieu, and Susan Wheeler voted for Billie Jean Sideris for Treasurer.

Ashley Hall Daddona, Diane Barnes, Scott Pottbecker, and Ashley Westfall voted for Scott Pottbecker for Treasurer.

Tiffany Parkhouse abstained.

Billie Jean Sideris was elected Treasurer with 76.90% in favor, with one vote in favor from each member town.

4. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem