

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION
MEETING MINUTES
Amended Agenda

September 10, 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 Ashley Westfall.

Members present: Ashley Westfall, Vice Chair, Ashley Hall Daddona, Secretary, Bille Jean Sideris, Treasurer, Susan Wheeler, Sharon Mahieu, Margaret Hunt, Kara Cruoglio, Josh Szwed, Scott Pottbecker, and Rob DeLayo.

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

Absent: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, and Diane Barnes.

2. Pledge of Allegiance Ashley Westfall invited everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Chairman's Report & Update

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- September 24 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- October 15 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- November 19 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.
- December 10 - Lakeview High School - 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

Ashley Westfall congratulated the Region 20 staff and support agencies for a successful start to the school year. She shared information about tryouts for the Lakeview High School theater program, athletics programs that are underway, and that there was a recent birth of Maeve, a baby heifer welcomed to the Agriscience program on September 7, 2026.

4. Consent Agenda

4.1 Board of Education Meeting Minutes of August 20, 2026

4.2 Approval of Amendment One Specialist Services Agreement (Athletic Trainer) - Charlotte Hungerford Hospital

4.3 Approval of New Hires

4.3.a Hilary Schawiak, Educational Assistant, Litchfield Center School

4.3.b Breanna Fleet, SAE Supervisor, Lakeview High School - ASTE

4.3.c Stephanie Paletsky, Educational Assistant, James Morris School

4.3.d Sarah Robertson, Library Media Specialist, Goshen Center School, Warren School & Litchfield Intermediate School

4.3.e Emily Lombardi, Educational Assistant, Goshen Center School

4.3.f Jill Musselman, Educational Assistant, Goshen Center School

Kara Cruoglio made a motion to approve the Consent Agenda. Billie Jean Sideris seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed unanimously.

5. Superintendent Update

Dr. Villar opened by expressing his gratitude to the principals and staff across the district for a smooth start to the school year. He also shared updates regarding the Professional Development and Evaluation Committee (PDEC), the recent Schooling & Technology Committee meeting, and district leadership's participation in a statewide emergency planning tabletop drill. He concluded with updates on the parking lot, ASTE, and ongoing investments in our schools.

5.1 Personnel Report

Dr. Villar gave the September Personnel Report.

6. Special Education Program Presentation - J. Haggard

Julie Haggard gave a presentation on the Special Education Program at Region 20. She also addressed several questions from Board of Education members regarding the program.

7. 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.

Kristin Newton, Warren, spoke about implementing a Gifted & Talent Program at Region 20.

Lois Silver, Morris, spoke about the lack of Special Education support services for students post high school and exiting the transition program.

8. Adjournment There being no further business to come before the Board, **Billie Jean Sideris made a motion to adjourn. Sharon Mahieu seconded the motion.** There was no discussion. The meeting adjourned at 8:09 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem