

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 20
BOARD OF EDUCATION MINUTES
May 4, 2023

1. Call to Order The Board of Education meeting held at Goshen Center School and via teleconference was called to order at 7:00 p.m. by Emily Cole.

Members present: Emily Cole, Chair, John Morosani, Vice Chair, Andrew Tita, Treasurer, Jannelle Carroll, Krista Rizzo, Bill Davenport, Joanne Moore, Christine Laurentano, Jennifer Munson, Rob DeLayo, and Tiffany Parkhouse. Also present Mr. Leone, Superintendent, Kristen Della Volpe Assistant Superintendent, Craig Robillard, Accounting Manager, and Deanne Marchand, Region 20 Project Manager.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

Emily Cole requested everyone to stand and recite the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. Committee Reports

Joanne Moore reported the Long Term Planning Committee met earlier in the evening and held a professional development session facilitated by Thomas Mooney and Natalia Sieira Milan from Shipman & Goodman on Board of Education Operations, Board Member Rights and Responsibilities.

4. Chairman's Report

Upcoming Board of Education Meetings

- May 18 – Litchfield Center School – 7:00 p.m.
- May 31 – James Morris School – 7:00 p.m.
- June 22 – Warren School – 7:00 p.m.
- June 29 – Litchfield Intermediate School – 7:00 p.m.

(All meetings will have a remote option)

5. Approval of Minutes

5.1 Policy Committee minutes of April 20, 2023

5.2 Long Term Planning Committee minutes of April 20, 2023

5.3 Curriculum Committee minutes of April 20, 2023

5.4 Finance Committee minutes of April 20, 2023

5.5 Board of Education minutes of April 20, 2023

Krista Rizzo made a motion to approve the minutes of April 20, 2023, Action Items 5.1 through 5.5. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

6. Public Comments

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.

None

7. Superintendent Update

Mr. Leone provided the following Superintendent Update:

Region 20 Town Tours will be held on the following dates/times:

Tuesday, May 9 at 7:00 p.m. – Litchfield Intermediate School

Wednesday, May 10 at 7:00 p.m. Goshen Center School

Tuesday, May 16 at 7:00 p.m. – Warren School

Wednesday, May 17 at 7:00 p.m. – James Morris School

Documents from the Professional Development session will be shared in the Region 20 Long Term Planning Committee folder.

The district received strong interest (over 100 responses) for Region 20 curriculum writing. The district has also began receiving responses from teachers on their requested placement for 2023-2024. Work on placements will be conducted over the summer with the goal of notifying teachers of their tentative placement information by September 15, 2023.

The Region 20 Education Association ratified its constitution. Negotiations with the association are continuing. The Region 20 Administrators Association has been informally recognized by the state and is going through the certification process and hopefully will be able to formally recognize it in the next 45-60 days.

8. Action Items

8.1 Approval of Policy 3515 Form #1 – 5131.911 Form 1 (First Read)

John Morosani made a motion to approve Action Item 8.1 Approval of Policy 3515 Form #1 – 5131.911 Form 1 First Read. Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6173 Administrative Regulation – 6177.1 (Second Read)

John Morosani made a motion to approve Action Item 8.2 Approval of Policy Series 6173 Administrative Regulation - 6177.1 (Second Read). Tiffany Parkhouse seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.3 Approval of Policy Series 7000 (Second Read)

John Morosani made a motion to approve Action Item 8.3 Approval of Policy Series 7000 (Second Read). Jannelle Carroll seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

8.4 Approval of Region 20 Start Times

John Morosani made a motion to approve Action Item 8.4 Approval of Region 20 Start Times. Andrew Tita seconded the motion.

Mr. Leone shared community feedback during discussion that included coverage for before and after school for elementary students, and lengthy of time elementary students would be on buses.

Emily Cole called for a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

8.5 Approval of Region 20 School Colors

Mr. Leone opened by sharing the results of the last round of voting on school colors with 37% red, white, blue, 32% with coastal teal color scheme, and 31% with the purple color scheme. Mr. Leone went on to say you can move forward with the top vote color scheme (red, white, and blue) or since no color scheme received over 50% of votes you can move to have one final round of voting and have the top two color schemes (red, white, blue, and coastal teal) go head to head. Discussion ensued. During discussion sample athletic wear from *Under Armour* in red, white, blue, and coastal teal color schemes was shared with the Board. A comment was made that the Coastal Teal color does not necessarily match the sample color in the catalog. Deanna Marchand also shared a short slide presentation that displayed a mockup mascot, logos, and uniforms in the different color schemes. There was also discussion on CIAC rules on mandatory white home uniforms, and what potential away uniform colors could be.

John Morosani made a motion for a run-off between the top two colors. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion.

During discussion it was agreed with the final round of voting to include pictures of sample home and away uniforms with the color schemes, a comment that the Board has final say of what the uniforms will look like, a disclaimer that colors may vary on your computer, phone and may not always represent the actual color, and the Bobcat image is just a mockup as the Board has not determined a logo.

Emily Cole called for a vote. The motion passes unanimously.

8.6 Appointment of Region 20 Positions

Mr. Leone read aloud the staff name and positions requested to be appointed to Region 20. They are Kristen Della Volpe, Assistant Superintendent, Chris Escobar, Executive Assistant to the Superintendent, Debbie DeLisle, Human Resources Manager, Leslie Pescatore, Accounts Payable, and Debbie Hodges, Executive Assistant to the Assistant Superintendent.

John Morosani made a motion to approve Action Item 8.6 Appointment of Region 20 Positions. Christine Lauretano seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

9. Executive Sessions - Negotiations

John Morosani made a motion to enter Executive Session and invite Chris Leone and Kristen Della Volpe. Krista Rizzo seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passes unanimously.

Entered Executive Session: 7:38 p.m.

Exited Executive Session: 7:51 p.m.

10. Adjournment There being no further business to come before this Board, the meeting adjourned at 7:52 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Christine Escobar
Secretary, pro-tem