

REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 20  
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES  
November 9, 2023

Policy Committee

1. Call to Order The Policy Committee meeting held at Wamogo and via teleconference was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Tiffany Parkhouse.

Members present: Tiffany Parkhouse, Chair, Andrew Tita, and Jannelle Carroll. Also present: Chris Leone, Superintendent, John Morosani, Bill Davenport, Krista Rizzo, Christine Lauretano, Jennifer Munson, Rob DeLayo, Alexandria Papp, Julie Haggard, Assistant Superintendent of Pupil Services, and Deanna Marchand, Region 20 Project Coordinator.

2. Review of Forms

Mr. Leone directed the committee to the forms document in their packets commenting that by July 1, 2024, these forms will be converted to fillable pdf forms and available on a shared Google drive. Additionally, the eCollect forms will also be electronic and available through PowerSchool. The eCollect forms will eliminate the paper packets parents receive at the start of each school year. The district will keep the Policy Committee informed at each meeting on the progress of this plan.

3. Other Business

Mr. Leone distributed Policy 5111 Admission to School and commented on the new state requirement that students entering Kindergarten must have reached the age of five on or before the first day of September of any school year. A waiver of this requirement can be requested and districts can require the child to take an assessment prior to approving a waiver. Discussion ensued. The committee agreed to edit the language to *Children entering kindergarten must have reached the age of five on or before the first day of September of any school year. Request for a waiver can be made through the office of the Superintendent for those students turning 5 after September 1 through December 31 of that given year.* This change will go to the Board for first read at the November 30, 2023 meeting.

Mr. Leone shared that new state law requires all Board of Education members to receive training. This means any future person who joins the Board of Education will be required to attend training. It is anticipated the state will be creating the training program.

4. Adjourn There being no further business to come before this committee the meeting adjourned at 5:46 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Christine Escobar  
Secretary, pro-tem