

Present: **SC members:** Alexa Anderson, Court Booth, Tracey Marano, Carrie Patel, Cynthia Rainey, Carrie Rankin, Sharon Whitt (Chair)
Administration: Laurie Hunter

1. Call to Order

Ms. Whitt called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Policy Review

Regarding the order of reviewing SC polices for the upcoming year, members discussed reviewing the rest of the “J” policies and two additional policies, and then the recent updates by MASC. Ms. Rainey requested that the MASC updated financial policies be reviewed at an upcoming meeting. Members discussed using the policy meeting discussions as first readings of the policies and Ms. Marano noted that this practice was allowable per MASC. Ms. Rainey stated that this could not be done for the policies on this agenda because it was not included on the regular meeting agenda.

JIC – Student Discipline

Dr. Hunter recommended that JIC be updated to MASC’s version due to the new discipline law that requires disciplinary remedies including restorative mediation. After discussion, members agreed to bring the MASC version to the full SC for a first reading.

BEDH – Public Comment

Ms. Rainey noted that people in person need to fill out public comment sheets, but those on Zoom do not have to give any notice of giving a public comment. Members discussed having 15 minutes (MASC recommendation) vs 20 minutes (current practice) and agreed to keep the 20-minute comment period. Members discussed requiring residency to make a public comment and Ms. Marano stated that she would reach out to the new MASC rep. Ms. Marano stated that she would share the feedback with members, but the policy would be brought to the full committee for a first read should the feedback result in no changes.

JII – Student Complaints & Grievances

After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version and bring it to the full committee for a first reading.

JK – Student Conduct

Dr. Hunter noted that the legal references were the only difference between the MASC version and the district’s version. Members agreed to adopt MASC’s policy and bring it to the full committee for a first reading.

JKA – Corporal Punishment

Dr. Hunter stated that corporal punishment was illegal in MA and members agreed that the policy needed to be removed from the manual.

JKAA – Physical Restraint of Students

After discussion, members agreed to adopt MASC’s version and bring it to the full committee for a first reading.

4. Adjournment – The meeting adjourned at 5:52 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: 10.24.23