

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

1. Call to Order

Ms. Whitt called the meeting to order at 5:02 PM, noting that MASC recently made some minor changes to some of the J policies.

2. Public Comments

None.

3. Policy Review

JL – Student Affairs – Ms. Whitt stated that MASC updated some of the laws and wording around parent/guardian, noting that the district has more robust language around playground safety and fire drills. She recommended adopting the MASC changes, but keeping the language around parent/guardian. SC members discussed the parent/guardian wording, noting that MASC did have the same wording as the district. Members agreed to recommend adopting the MASC version.

JBB – Educational Equity – Dr. Hunter noted that this was a new policy that MASC added. Ms. Whitt recommended adopting the policy. Members agreed to recommend adopting the MASC version.

JFABB – Educational Opportunities for Military Children. Members agreed to recommend adopting the MASC version.

JFABF – Educational Opportunities for Children in Foster Care – Dr. Hunter noted that this policy aligned with the homeless policy in regards to allowing foster children to have rights to be enrolled immediately without educational and medical records. Members agreed to recommend adopting the MASC version.

JFBB & JFBB-1– School Choice – Dr. Hunter stated that JFBB states that a district was going to admit nonresident students and JFBB-1 states that it would not. Members agreed to recommend adopting MASC’s JFBB-1, but call it JFBB.

JH – Student Absences & Excuses – Dr. Hunter noted that MASC’s policy was highly aligned with the law. Ms. Whitt recommended adopting the MASC policy in full.

JHD – Exclusions and Exceptions from School Attendance - Ms. Whitt stated that there were updates to legal references and minor changes to include Kindergarten, recommending adopting the MASC version in full.

JICE - Student Publications - Dr. Hunter stated that this policy was updated to reflect more realistically, what was happening, recommending “school sponsored” remain in the policy. After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version, but keep “school sponsored”.

JICFA – Prohibition of Hazing - Members agreed to adopt the MASC version in full.

JICFA-E – Hazing – Dr. Hunter stated that the district does not have this policy. After discussion, members agreed to not adopt the MASC policy.

JICFB – Bullying Prevention – Dr. Hunter stated that MASC updated the definition of cyber bullying and noted use of the “School Committee” in the policy instead of the district, noting that the pronouns are gender inclusive. Members agreed to update to reflect the “districts” instead of the “SC” and adopt the MASC version.

JICJ – Student Use of Technology in Schools – Ms. Whitt stated that the district does not have this policy and Dr. Hunter noted that the district has several policies on technology in the schools. Members agreed to adopt the MASC policy.

JJ – Co-Curriculars & Extra Curricular Activities - After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version, but remove “The SC believes that” in the first sentence and change “should” to “are”.

JJE – Student Fundraising Activities – After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version.

KDC – Community Use of Digital Resources – Ms. Whitt stated that the district does not have this policy. After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version, but change the word “form” in the 3rd paragraph to “agreement”.

KDCB – District Website and Social Media – Ms. Whitt stated that the district does not have this policy. Dr. Hunter suggested adopting the MASC policy. After discussion, members agreed to adopt the MASC version.

4. Next Steps

Dr. Hunter stated that the end of the policy manual is current, noting that Sections A through I need significant work. Ms. Rainey noted that Section D is out of compliance legally. Ms. Rankin noted the possibility of taking a few days over the summer to review the entire book. Members agreed they needed another strategy to ensure the book was updated. Ms. Marano suggested making a plan in June for policy review after the reseating of the SC.

5. Adjournment

Ms. Whitt adjourned the meeting at 6:04 PM.

Respectfully submitted,
Erin Higgins

Approved: 4.23.24