

Manchester Public Schools
Board of Education
Policy Committee
Minutes
September 14, 2020

Members Present: Mark Gundersen, Scott Hughes, Melanie Stefanovicz, Darryl Thames Sr.
Others Present: Matt Geary

The virtual meeting convened at 6:00.

The members reviewed the Equity Policy and provided feedback. The Superintendent will create a form that includes a rubric to go with the policy and share with committee members prior to the next meeting.

[MPS Equity Policy - Draft](#)

The members discussed the addition of language on face coverings to the Covid-19 temporary policy and will move the policy revision to the full Board of Education for a first reading.

[Use of Face Coverings](#)

The committee discussed the current format of virtual Board of Education Meetings. At this time the committee recommends that the format remain virtual as it allows Board members to participate in a way where their faces are visible and voices are audible which would be a challenge in an in person setting. Additionally, the administration will develop ideas to engage the community in virtual public comment which could allow for increased participation.

The committee discussed School Resource Officers who are currently providing coverage at Illing Middle School, Manchester High School, Manchester Middle Academy, and Manchester Regional Academy while also assisting at all elementary schools and Bennet as needed. The Superintendent shared the original MOU between MPD and MHS. The Superintendent will gather additional information on school based arrests and student interaction with School Resource Officers and the committee will seek an opportunity to discuss this issue further with the Board of Directors.

[MOU](#)

Board Members shared ideas for future policy discussions including the use of electronic devices in grades 5 - 12. The Superintendent will bring additional information on current practice and policies in other districts to the next meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 6:50.

Respectfully Submitted,

Matt Geary
Superintendent of Schools