

**Manchester Public Schools**  
**Board of Education**  
Policy Committee  
Minutes  
Monday, April 25, 2016  
Director's Room  
Lincoln Center

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM.

Members Present: Deb Hagenow, Mary-Jane Pazda, Carl Stafford, Darryl Thames, Sr.

Others Present: Matt Geary, Susan Jacobsen, Iman Kahn

1. The committee reviewed the proposed revisions to the bullying policy and suggested a few additional changes. The Superintendent will review the suggested revisions with legal counsel and bring the policy back to the committee. In addition, the Superintendent presented a draft one page document on the process of reporting to the committee for review. The committee will send their feedback prior to the next meeting. The Superintendent will also get feedback on the document from parents prior to the next meeting.
2. The committee discussed the suggested role for parent liaisons and amended the description to allow Board members to serve as a liaison to a school where they are also parents. The role of the liaison will be worked into the revised Community Relations policy. A draft of that policy will be presented at the next policy committee meeting.
3. The committee decided that they will not adjust the requirement that students turn 5 years old prior to January 1 in order to enroll in kindergarten. The policy will not be revised.
4. The committee reviewed the School Wellness policy and directed the Superintendent to review the current School Wellness Policy with principals to ensure that the actual minutes scheduled for recess, lunch, and Physical Education are in line with the policy.
5. The committee reviewed the Transfer and Non-resident Students policy and will not recommend any changes at this time.
6. The committee reviewed the Religious Observances and School Prayer policy and will establish a process for adding additional holidays observances to the school calendar. This process will be discussed at the next meeting.
7. The committee reviewed the Use of Therapy Dogs in Schools Policy and will send it back to the full Board for a second reading at the Board meeting on May 9, 2016.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 PM.

Next meeting date: Monday June 13, 2016

Respectfully Submitted: Matt Geary, Superintendent of Schools