

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, March 8, 2024, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Sara Ahern, Jane Moynihan, Jim Hardy, Kristen Harmon, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:01PM.

### **Approval of Minutes**

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of February 9, 2024.

### **Previous Policies**

- Ms. Bent stated she received feedback on Policy EFD from Dave Badot.
- Dr. Ahern stated the feedback was clarifying the current practice. The Committee discussed Dave's language suggestions around requiring payment for second meals and a la carte item. The Committee agreed to change the language.
- Ms. Bent received no additional feedback on the other policies that were on the March 6 School Committee agenda.

### **Review Policies for the MASC Policy Updates of March 2023, August/September 2023, and December 2023**

- Ms. Bent stated she looked through all the December, September, and March updates.
  - BHE
    - Ms. Bent stated there was a cross reference to EHB added. The Committee agreed to add the cross reference.
  - IGA/IGD
    - Ms. Bent stated there was a "the" missing.
  - IMGGA
    - Ms. Bent stated the Committee will come back to this policy.
  - IE
    - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable still has this policy and MASC is recommending it be removed. The Committee agreed it was not necessary.
  - IHBHE-E
    - Ms. Bent stated Section I is still not updated on the MASC website.
  - IL
    - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable still has this policy and MASC recommending it be removed.
    - Dr. Ahern stated she likes this policy and it explains the curriculum review process.
    - The Committee agreed to keep this policy.
  - IMA
    - Mr. Goode stated there is general and obvious information in this policy.
    - The Committee agreed to remove the policy.
  - BEDH
    - Mr. Hardy stated Barnstable needs to remove "obscenities" from the policy due to a court ruling.
  - CHA/CHC
    - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable has separate policies.
    - Mr. Hardy stated MASC felt they could be combined.
    - The Committee agreed to combine the policies similar to MASC.
  - IHBD
    - A cross reference needs to be added.
  - IHBF
    - Ms. Bent stated MASC replaced the word "certified" with "licensed" and a legal reference was added. The Committee agreed to the change.
  - IHBH
    - Ms. Bent stated MASC recommends removing the first paragraph. The Committee agreed.
  - IHBHE
    - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable removed the language that MASC is recommending. She asked Mr. Hardy for MASC's thought process.
    - Mr. Hardy stated there could be a circumstance that only relates to your district and is not a statewide event.

- - The Committee discussed, agreed to the language changes, and added a cross reference.
- IJ
  - MASC added a cross reference.
- IHAMA
  - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable has the same policy as the MASC recommended change.
- IJL
  - Ms. Bent stated Barnstable revised this policy and ours is difference and specific to Barnstable. She suggested Dr. Ahern look at the two policies and come back with suggestions.
- IJOA
  - MASC added a cross reference.
- IKAB/IK
  - The Committee discussed that in the last paragraph, the Assistant Superintendent is the correct person.
- IMB
  - MASC added a cross reference.

### **Next Steps**

- Ms. Bent stated the Committee will start with IMG and IMGGA, review Dr. Ahern's suggestions for Policy IJL, and continue with the MASC update review at the next meeting in April.
- Dr. Ahern noted Policy JIC is the policy Michael Joyce just reviewed.
- Mr. Bent asked if the Committee needs to go back to the March 2023 updates. Mr. Hardy stated a lot of those were pronoun updates that Barnstable has already made.

Motion by Ms. Bent, seconded by Mr. Goode, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 2:40PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek  
Executive Assistant