

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, May 13, 2022, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Chair Kathy Bent, Peter Goode, Meg Mayo-Brown, Kristen Harmon, Jane Moynihan, and Jen Kruczek. Jim Hardy was not present.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 1:00PM.

Approval of Minutes

- Motion by Mr. Goode, seconded by Dr. Mayo-Brown, and the Committee unanimously approved the Minutes of April 29, 2022.

Discuss Exchange Student Policy

- The Committee liked the Watertown policy and would like to put it as first read on the June agenda.

Continue Review of Policies in Section I (Instruction) of the School Committee Policy Manual

- The Committee discussed the policies in Section I:
 - ❖ IHBG – Dr. Mayo-Brown stated she would rather rely on MASC’s policy because there are so many laws around it. The Committee agreed. They agreed to change child to student. Dr. Mayo-Brown stated they should ask Mr. Hardy about giving a high school diploma to home school students. Changes were made to number 2 and 3.
 - ❖ IHBG-R – Dr. Mayo-Brown would like Mr. Hardy to weigh in on this one. She has been told some items in this policy cannot be asked (i.e. 4A.) In 4C, she cannot report out deficiencies and it was changed to give the School Committee the number of students home schooled in the district. Ms. Bent stated in number 6, change Committee to district.
 - ❖ IHBGA – There were no changes.
 - ❖ IHBH – The Committee agreed to use MASC language in paragraph 2.
 - ❖ IHBHE – The Committee agreed to change paragraph 1 to add DESE and remove Superintendent and district-specific emergency.
 - ❖ IHBHE-E – This policy should be deleted.
 - ❖ IHCA – Dr. Mayo-Brown stated the School Committee does not approve all summer programs. The Committee agreed to add “budgeted” and remove “approved” by the School Committee.
 - ❖ IJ- This policy was discussed in a previous meeting.
 - ❖ IJ-R – Dr. Mayo-Brown spoke about religion and stated it is only mentioned that it has a place in libraries and asked if that language should also be in curriculum materials as well. The Committee changed the wording and removed libraries under ideologies.
 - ❖ IJ-R-2 – Dr. Mayo Brown stated this policy was deleted at the last School Committee meeting, but these procedures should be kept. She shared Amherst’s IJA policy on Instruction Materials Reconsideration.
 - ❖ IJA – (new policy) Mr. Goode stated he does not like the policy. The School Committee was elected to make these decisions. Ms. Bent stated the School Committee does not select curriculum. Ms. Harmon stated she liked the sentence about purchased in large quantities such as texts used in multiple classrooms. She stated it should be brought to the principal after the teacher. The Committee discussed the make-up of the Committee that would be formed to review the text in question.
 - ❖ IJL-IJLA – These policies were discussed in a previous meeting.
 - ❖ IJND – The Committee changed the title to Digital Resources and agreed to use the MASC policy. The Committee will pick up with this policy at the next meeting.

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

Meeting Adjourned at 2:26PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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