

**Monadnock Regional School District
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
December 19, 2024 (corrected 1.14.2025)
SAU 93 Conference Room or Zoom**

Committee Members Present: Kristen Noonan, Lisa Steadman, and Cheryl McDaniel-Thomas.

Call the Meeting to Order: K. Noonan called the meeting to order at 6:03 PM

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2. Approval of Minutes from 10/29/2024: MOTION: C.McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the October 29, 2024, Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

3. Policy Review

- a. **IKF: High School Graduation Requirements:** The MRSD Policy and the NHSBA Policy were presented to the committee. These policies both include the 6 tier diploma requirements. K. Noonan thought at first to send this to the administration. They are very different policies. The notes in the NHSBA policy are in regards to the fafsa and early graduation. The MRSD policy was last revised in 2017. **MOTION:** L.Steadman **MOVED** to forward Policy IKF-High School Graduation Requirements to the administration for review and recommendations. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- b. **IHAM: Health Education and Exemption From Instruction:** K. Noonan presented the MRSD policy and the NHSBA policy. The MRSD policy was last revised in 2021. This policy is required by law. The notes of the NHSBA are regarding the updates to the parental notification. C. McDaniel-Thomas mentioned that the NHSBA policy broadens the categories. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy IHAM and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- c. **IGE: Parental Objections to Specific Course Material:** This policy was last updated in 2022. The committee reviewed the NHSBA Policy. **MOTION:**L. Steadman **MOVED** to adopt the NHSBA Sample Policy IGE and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **Motion passes.**

- d. **JJA: Student Activities and Organizations:** K. Noonan commented that typically the committee has an order in which to review policies. S. Peters sent an email to the committee from a parent who would like her child to participate in the Weightlifting Club. The student nor the parents live in the district or attend the MRSD. The committee reviewed the NHSBA Policy JJA. The parental request cites the NHIAA rules but could not be found. K. Noonan commented that all of the club policies are out of date. She felt that there should be a lot more research into this request. They talked about this setting precedent and that the district pays for a stipend for the club advisor. The committee discussed liability. C. McDaniel-Thomas commented that if you do not live in the district you can not participate in Destination Imagination, as an example. L. Steadman commented what if we call it a sport. The committee is reviewing policies that relate to this issue. The policy was last updated in 1999. The NHSBA policy is a longer policy. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to update Policy JJA with the NHSBA Sample Policy and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** K. Noonan would like to have the NHSBA legal counsel take a look at this. L. Steadman commented what if you charge something to help pay for the stipend.
- e. **JJA-R(1): Student Activities & Organizations-Eligibility Standards:** K. Noonan commented that she is not sure what we have on the books. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to forward Policy JJA-R(1) to the administration for review and a recommendation. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. She also mentioned that she is not sure we need it and if so either in the handbook or a policy. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- f. **JJIB: Interscholastic Athletics:** This policy was last reviewed in 1999. NHSBA Policy JJIB is slightly longer than Monadnock's policy. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to accept the NHSBA Sample Policy JJIB and to forward the policy to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** L. Steadman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**
- g. **JJJ-R(1): Access to Public School Programs by Non-public, Charter School and Home Educated Pupils-Administrative Regulations:** This policy is not currently in the MRSD Policy Book. Policy JJJ was last updated in 2024. This is the appendix for that policy. After discussion by the committee they decided to do nothing in reference to the NHSBA Sample JJJ-R(1) Appendix from the NHSBA.

4. Other Business

5. Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting January 14, 2025 at 7:00.

6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment: MOTION: L.Steadman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:56 PM. **SECOND:** K. Noonan **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary