

**Monadnock Regional School District
Policy Committee Meeting Minutes
August 26, 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 7:05 PM

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2. Approval of Minutes from July 8, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes: MOTION: C.McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the July 8, 2025 Policy Committee Meeting Minutes as presented. **SECOND:** L.Steadman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

3. Policy Review:

a. IHBH: Extended Learning Opportunities: K. Noonan presented the MRSD Policy and the NHSBA Policy. The MRSD was last reviewed in 2012. The NHSBA noted revised 306 rules. There are ELO requirements for Middle School students that are mandatory. The 7th and 8th grade students will be allowed to participate if they are part of the high school building. K. Noonan commented that the ELO is offered to the 11th and 12th grade students currently. It looks like our policy is out of compliance. C. McDaniel-Thomas said she is not happy that this is being forced down our throats. L.Spencer and Laura Weideman are the ELO Coordinators. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to refer Policy IHBH Extended Learning Opportunities to the administration for review. **SECOND:** L. Steadman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

b. IHBI: Alternative Learning Plans & Individual Plans: The committee reviewed Policy IHBI. It was last reviewed in 2012. After review the committee would like to forward the policy to the administration for review. **MOTION:** L. Steadman **MOVED** to refer Policy IHBI Alternative Learning Plans & Individual Plans to the administration for review. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** The NHSBA policy is asking for a dollar amount and the committee does not feel that they should approve because it affects that budget.

c. IHCA: Summer Activities: The title of this policy has changed in the NHSBA policy. The previous title was Summer School Education Activities and Classes. This policy was last reviewed in 2021. L. Steadman commented that in the MRSD policy there is so much more. She would suggest combining the two policies. First change the title, remove the top 2 paragraphs in the MRSD policy and replace it with the 2 top paragraphs of the NHSBA policy, starting with "The Board recognizes", remove the rate of pay line in the MRSD policy and in the NHSBA policy where it says whether or not summer activities, the committee would like to remove the "or not". **MOTION:**C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve and forward Policy IHCA with committee edits to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** L.Steadman **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

d. IJ: Instructional Resources and Instructional Resources Plan: It was commented that this policy was last reviewed in 2024. The committee made edits and would like to forward the NHSBA Policy to the Board for a first read. **MOTION:**C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to accept and forward the NHSBA Sample Policy IJ with committee

edits to the full Board for a first read. **SECOND:** K. Noonan. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

e. IK: Earning of High School Credit-Achievement of Competencies & retire ICAA, ILBAA and IMBC: Policy IK is a new policy from the NHSBA. It has been completely replaced. The parents are responsible to keep track of their student's education and credits. **MOTION:** L.Steadman **MOVED** to adopt and forward the NHSBA Sample Policy IK to the full Board for a first read and to retire Policy ICAA, Policy ILBAA and Policy IMBC. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

f. IKB: Homework: The committee discussed the fact that the MRSD Policy is much smaller. K. Noonan likes the MRSD Policy better. C. McDaniel-Thomas commented that some of this is teaching, it is not about homework. K.Noonan does not like this for grades K-4. **MOTION:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **MOVED** to approve the NHSBA Sample Policy IKB Homework and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** L.Steadman. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

g. IKF-Graduation requirements and retire IKFA: The committee discussed the fact that the NHSBA Sample Policy states 20 credits for graduation. C.McDaniel-Thomas explained that the district has multiple tiers for graduation. **MOTION:** K. Noonan **MOVED** to refer the NHSBA Sample Policy IKF and IKFA to the administration for review. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

h. IKFG: Career Exploration, Readiness, Pathways & Credentials: The NHSBA Sample Policy IKFG is completely revised. The committee would like to adopt. MRSD does not have this policy. The committee filled in the blanks on the policy in regards to the MRSD. **MOTION:**L.Steadman **MOVED** to adopt NHSBA Sample Policy IKFG with committee edits and to forward to the full Board as a first read. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.** The committee would like to notify J. Rathbun that it is required by law and that these changes are happening.

4. Other Business: JICJ-Cellphone policy discussion: K. Noonan explained that she was contacted by J. Rathbun that the Cell Phone Policy has already been implemented but we may have to adjust it in the concerns of the staff. The DRAFT Technical Advisory from the DOE was presented to the committee as well as the Cell Phone Policy currently in use. L. Steadman thought it was fine. K. Noonan mentioned that it is fine until the NHSBA sends updates then the committee should review it again. K. Noonan commented that something may need to change. We should wait for the NHSBA to work it out. We will wait on this.

5. Assignments and Agenda for Next Meeting. September 9, 2025.

6. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

7. Adjournment: MOTION: L. Steadman **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 8:11 PM. **SECOND:** C. McDaniel-Thomas **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura Aivaliotis
Recording Secretary