

**Westport School Committee
Policy Work Session
DATE: Monday, October 6, 2025
TIME: 6:00 p.m.
PLACE: WMHS 2nd floor Conference Room**

MINUTES

Members Present: Evan Gendreau, Jason Pacheco, Caitlin Sampers, Christopher Thrasher

Members Absent: Fred Melnyk

Also Present: Holly Hargraves Director of Curriculum and Professional Development, Lori Melo Executive Secretary, Francine Roy Superintendent

I. Call to Order - Chair Christopher Thrasher opened up the Westport School Committee Policy Work Session at 6:06 pm. with a quorum of the members present. This meeting is being held in order to go over Massachusetts Association of School Committees MASC policy updates.

II. MASC Policy Updates - Chair Thrasher informed everyone this is considered a first reading so there is discussion only and asked members to make notes for the second reading if there is anything they would like to address.

Red ink represents the changes. Updates are referred to at the bottom.

The Westport School Committee reviewed all the listed policies and made recommendations.

A Policies

AA

AB

AC

ACA

ACAB

ACE

AD - Revisit for mission statement

ADB

ADC

ADDA

ADF

AE - Recommend do not adopt AE commitment to accomplishment

B Policies

BA

BAA

BB

BBA

BBAA

BBBA

BBBB

BBBC

BBBE

BCA

BD - MASC striked out

BDA - Strike clerk position

BDB - Strike clerk position

BDC - Keep wording for this policy

BDD

BDE
 BDF
 BDFA
 BDFA-E-1 Leave in number 1 wording *“and by the School Committee”*
 BDFA-E-2 Leave in first sentence and by November 1
 BDFA-E-3 MASC struck out
 BDG
 BE
 BEC
 BEDA - Revisit - separate agenda and supporting materials distributed to school committee members no less than 3 business days but need supporting documents
 BEDB
 BEDB-E - Strike out
 BEDD
 BEDF
 BEDG - Revisit ask Recording Secretary about times of arrival and departure.
 BEDH - Change in 1 about sign up for public comment, add at start of School Committee meeting chair may require sign ups. Get rid of sign up instructions in 6.
 BEDH-E - Strike everything below the description of Chapter 30A:20 except Move 1 sentence *No citizen may speak more than once without permission of the Chair.* from no. 2 of the guidelines from BEDH-E to original policy BEDH .2 and keep wording *The presiding Chair may permit extension of this time limit, in extenuating circumstances. in .2.*
 BEE - Keep this policy
 BG
 BGB
 BGC
 BGD
 BGE - Strike last new sentence in paragraph 1
 BGF - Leave as is keep all wording
 BHC - Revisit
 BHE
 BIA
 BIBA
 BID - Change wording SC shall serve without compensation unless otherwise provided by a vote at town meeting. Strike last sentence.
 BJ - Strike out entire policy
 BK- MASC took this policy off and we will remove this policy as well

C Policies

CA
 CB
 CBD
 CBI
 CCB
 CE
 CH
 CHA/CHC
 CHC - Strike out
 CHCA
 CHD
 CL - Strike out
 CM

D Policies

DA
 DB
 DBC

DBD
DBG
DBJ
DD - Strike out
DEC
DGA - Change wording to *“will designate by roll call a member or members responsible for review”*
DH
DI
DIE - Change shall to may unless related to a stature
DJ
DJA - Strike out last sentence
DJE
DK
DKC

E Policies

EB
EBAB
EBB
EBC
EBC-S - MASC striked out
EBCD
EBCFA - MASC striked out
EC
ECA
ECAB - Revisit - Hold off on this policy until building committee reviews and recommends
ECAC
ECAF
EDC
EEA
EEAA
EEAE
EEAEA
EEAEB
EEAEC
EEAG - Revisit
EEAJ
EEBA
EFC
EFD
EFE
EHAA - Recommends do not include and refer to committee to decide
EHB

F Policies

FA
FCB
FF
FFA

G Policies

GA - MASC striked out but we will leave policy in and strike out legal reference
GBA - Add wording state and federal law in last sentence first paragraph
GBD - MASC striked out
GBEA
GBEB - Keep 1- 5

GBEBA - Strike out / addressed in handbook
GBEBC
GBEBD
GBEC
GBED
GBEE - Revisit
GBGB
GBGE
GBGF
GBI
GBJ
GBK - Strike out
GBJAA - MASC striked out - (look into why this was removed)
GCA
GCBA
GCBB
GCBC
GCE
GCF
GCG
GCIAA - MASC striked out
GCIA - Strike out in contract
GCJ - Strike out in contract
GCK - Strike out in contract
GCO
GCQE- MASC striked out
GCQF
GCRD - Strike out
GDA
GDB
GDC
GDD
GDG - MASC striked out
GDH - MASC striked out
GDO- Strike out
GDQD

H Policies

HA
HB
HF

I Policies

IB
IC/ICA
ID
IE - MASC striked out
IGA/IGD
IGB - Remove assistant superintendent wording
IGD - MASC striked out
IHAE- MASC striked out
IHAI - MASC striked out
IHAM
IHAM-R
IHAMA
IHAMB
IHB
IHBA

IHBAA
IHBD
IHBEA
IHBEA
IHBFB
IHBG - Revisit
IHBH
IHBHE
IHCA
IJ
IJ-R
IJK - MASC striked out
IJL
IJLA
IJNDC
IJND - Strike out
IJNDB
IJNDC - MASC striked out in our handbook
IJNDD - Remove line in last paragraph
IJOA
IJOB
IJOC
IKAB
IKE
IKF - Revisit/hold
IKFE - Revisit/hold
ILD
IMA - MASC striked out
IMB - Strike out last 2 lines
IMD
IMDB
IMG
IMGA
J Policies
JB
JBA - MASC striked out
JBB
JC
JCA
JE - MASC striked out
JEB - Revisit
JF
JFAA - MASC striked out
JFABC
JFABD
JFABE
JFABF
JFABG
JFBB
JFBB-1 - Strike sentence 3/ 4 becomes 3
JH- Revisit
JH-E- MASC striked out
JHD - Revisit
JHFC - MASC striked out
JI - Do not strike out part of .3,.5. and next paragraph unless referencing MGL
JIB

****LEFT OFF AT POLICY JIC Student Discipline**

Revisit these policies:

AD
BEDA
BEDG
BHC
ECAB
EEAG
GBEE
IHBG
IKF
IKFE
IMGA
JEB
JH
JHD

III. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Gendreau, seconded by Sampers

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The School Committee Policy Work Session ended at 8:44 pm.