Westport School Committee
Policy Work Session
DATE: Monday, October 29, 2025
TIME: 6:30 p.m.
PLACE: WMHS 2nd floor Conference Room

MINUTES

Members Present: Jason Pacheco, Caitlin Sampers, Christopher Thrasher
Members Absent: Evan Gendreau, Fred Melnyk
Also Present: Lori Melo Executive Secretary, Michelle Rapoza School Business Manager, Francine Roy Superintendent

I. Call to Order - Chair Christopher Thrasher opened up the Westport School Committee Policy Work Session at 6:33 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.
J Policies continued ..
JIC
JICA - ok - will look at district handbooks for next year
JICB- MASC striked out
JICC
JICCA - MASC striked out - add to student conduct on buses
JICE
JICF
JICFA
JICFA-E - get rid of distributing copies to each person / eliminate 1st sentence in the each paragraph in section 19 start with It shall, eliminate last paragraph on bottom of page 1, leave last paragraph on second page - it is in handbook
JICFB - word viable on page 2 - is this change in stature? otherwise leave viable word in
JICH
JICH-R - MASC striked out - check if this is in handbooks and being followed
JICI - MASC striked out
JICJ
JICK
JIE
JIH
JIHA - MASC striked out
JIHB - MASC striked out
JII
JJ
JJA
JJE
JJF - Revisit - before close of books set a maximum limit / next meeting get a list of all student activities accounts, with current balances/ set a maximum balance at end of year for seniors. Advisor should rotate with the class, this will be looked at. Set fundraising limits.
JJH
JJH-R
JJIB
JJIF
JJIF-R

JJJ - MASC striked out - in handbooks
JK
JKA - MASC striked out
JKAA
JL
JLC
JLCA
JLCB
JLCC
JLCD
JLCF - MASC striked out - in handbooks
JQ
JRA
JRC - MASC striked out - in handbooks
JRD - MASC striked out

K Policies
KA
KB - MASC striked out
KBA
KBB - MASC striked out
KBBA
KBC - MASC striked out
KBE
KBG
KCD
KDB
KDC - ok - on recommendation of Superintendent
KDCB - ok - add word Westport not XX, delete word will add word may be limited or turned off
KDD - in number 3 add any statements made to press by any employees must be at discretion of Superintendent
KE - delete line about matters referred to Superintendent
KEB - MASC striked out
KF - Revisit - (Building Use Committee)
KFR - Revisit
KHA
KHB
KI
KLG
KLJ - delete policy - we want this striked out
KLK

L Policies
LA
LB
LBC - Revisit
LD - MASC striked out
LDA
LH - MASC striked out

Policies to Revisit

JJF	**KFR**
KF	**LBC**

III. Adjourn - A motion was made to adjourn.

Motion by Pacheco, seconded by Sampers 3/0/0

The Westport School Committee Policy Work Session ended at 8:27 pm.