

**Monadnock Regional School District
Safety Committee Meeting
May 5, 2026
MRMHS Library, Swanzey, NH**

Committee Members Present: Jeff Cesaitis, Jennifer Strimbeck and Ed LaPlante
Administration Present: Superintendent Rathbun

J. Cesaitis opened the meeting at 6:00 PM.

1. Public Comments: There were no public comments.

2. Approval of Minutes: The committee will vote on the April 7, 2026 Safety Meeting Minutes at the next meeting.

3. New Business: Policy EEAEC Student Conduct on School Buses: The committee reviewed the MRSD Policy EEAEC. J. Cesaitis presented proposed edits to the policy. The committee discussed the proposed edits with J. Rathbun. He explained that it is the responsibility of the district to provide transportation for students grades K-8 who live more than 2 miles from the school. The district also provides transportation for the MRMHS students. While discussing the conduct of the students on the bus J. Strimbeck felt bullying should be included in the policy. E.LaPlante and J. Cesaitis felt that including bullying in this policy would open up a can of worms. They said it should include things like smoking and vaping. J. Rathbun said you can say no riding on the bus if you are bullying but we need to start using it as defined by law. The committee commented about phones being used on the buses. There is no problem with the MRMHS students using their phones. There are issues with the elementary school students. The bus drivers enjoy the time the students use their phones. There are less problems and it is quieter. The bus drivers are responsible for maintaining orderly conduct on the buses. In the policy it states that there is a transportation coordinator. The transportation coordinator is J. Rathbun. When a student is in violation the bus company will do the write up and give it to the principal. The principal will make the punishment and the bus driver will cohere to it. When a punishment is given it is for calendar days. The committee continued to review the policy and would like to forward it to the Policy Committee. **MOTION:** J. Strimbeck **MOVED** to approve Policy EEAEC as presented and to forward it to the Policy Committee for review. **SECOND:** E. LaPlante. **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

4. Public Comments: There are no public comments.

5. Next meeting's agenda: June 2, 2026.

a. **Review Policy JICC and JICC-R**

6. Adjourn MOTION: E.LaPlante **MOVED** to adjourn the meeting at 6:57 PM.

SECOND: J. Strimbeck **VOTE:** Unanimous for those present. **Motion passes.**

Respectfully submitted,

Laura L. Aivaliotis

Recording Secretary