

The Subcommittee on School Committee Policies met on Friday, June 26, 2026, in the Virtual Zoom Meeting. Present were Kathy Bent, Courtney West, Sara Ahern, Kristen Harmon, and Jen Kruczek.

Ms. Bent called the meeting to order at 3:03PM.

Minutes

- Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to approve the meeting Minutes of May 29, 2026.

Revise Policy JKAA (Time-Out, Seclusion, and Restraint of Students) [old title Physical Restraint of Students]

- Dr. Ahern stated this is a new policy to replace the current policy. The new regulations go into place on August 17. There is an added piece around seclusion. She included the new policy, procedures, and a form from Michael Joyce in the materials. He will meet with the district in August to go over it all. The district does not use seclusion, that is a student being left alone in a room. She recommended waiving the first reading and approving the policy at the July School Committee meeting.

Revise Policy JFAA (School Admissions - Residency Requirements)

- There was no feedback.

Revise Policy EFD (School Nutrition Program Charge Policy)

- There was no feedback.

Revise Policy ADF (District Wellness Policy)

- Dr. Ahern stated Alicia Bryant circulated the policy to the Wellness Committee and received positive feedback.

Revise Policy JLCD (Administering Medicines to Students)

- There was no feedback.

Create Policy JLCDC (Self-Administration and Self-Carry of Medicines)

- There was no feedback.

Create Policy JICJ-A (Cell Phones and Personal Electronic Devices)

- Dr. Ahern stated an Instruction Technology Specialists suggested including intelligent glasses in the list, as they are already being used by students. She agreed they should be listed. "Intelligent glasses" was added.

Revise Policy KF-R (Community Use of School Facilities)

- There was no feedback.

Revise Policy JFBB (School Choice)

- Dr. Ahern stated MASC added siblings preference to the policy, but Barnstable already has that language. There are no changes.

Revise Policy KBG (Parent Advisory Councils - PACs)

- Ms. Bent stated the MASC's updated language includes that PACs independently establish their bylaws and what a district should do if there is no SEPAC in place. The EL section was revised to be more specific.

Revise Policy IKFE (Competency Determination)

- Ms. Harmon looked at the policy in the lens of the class of 2027. The majority of the students took Geometry at least two years ago. Every student would need to take an assessment. They looked at MCAS scores as an acceptable determination of competency and 59 students would still need to be assessed.
- Dr. Ahern stated these MCAS scores would have to have been taken after January 3 and asked if the district is able to do this. Ms. Harmon said yes, it is at the School Committee's discretion. This is particular to the class of 2027. This need will be less and less since there will be other ways to demonstrate competency.
- Ms. Harmon stated Physics has been added as a Science course.

Revise Policy ECA (Buildings and Grounds Security)

- Dr. Ahern stated there is no change. This is a reference to Policy ECAB.

Revise Policy ECAB (Access to Buildings and Grounds)

- Dr. Ahern stated they added the language “and to personnel whose work requires it.”

Next Steps

- Dr. Ahern stated there are no other policies that need to be updated. DESE is visiting the district in October. There might be some policies that need updating after that.

Motion by Ms. West, seconded by Dr. Ahern, and the Committee voted, unanimously, to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting adjourned at 3:39PM.

Respectfully Submitted,

Jen Kruczek
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