

APPROVED minutes
Policy Subcommittee
May 21, 2026
6:30 PM

Subcommittee was called to order at 6:37 by Ms. Rose-Zeiberg

Roll call was taken:

Mr. Bernard - here

Ms. Hortie - here

Ms. Spadafora - here

Ms. Rose-Zeiberg - here

Motion to approve minutes from April 15, 2026 by Bernard. Seconded by Hortie. Passed unanimously.

Rose-Zeiberg introduced discussion on Policy JFBB - School Choice, MASC issued an update suggesting adding the words "that any sibling of a student already enrolled in the district shall receive priority for admission." Discussion included confirming that this would only go into effect if the School Committee changes its policy to being a school choice district. The MASC update also included an update of adding definition of race and adding legal references.

Spadafora motioned to send recommendation to amend Policy JFBB with the MASC update to full committee. Hortie seconded. Passed unanimously.

Rose-Zeiberg introduced discussion on Policy JKAA. Our Policy JKAA is "Physical Restraint of Students". MASC JKAA is "Time Out, Seclusion and Physical Restraint of Students. Rose-Zeiberg said she had talked to Asst. Supt. MacDonald who supports amending the current policy to the MASC model policy as it has the recent state updates. The updates need to be in place by August 17, 2026. Members raised questions as to the procedures and specifics of the new updates. Spadafora raised questions about restraints and prone restraints, traumatic restraints and how do non-verbal students respond. How things would be implemented was discussed. Because these are state guidelines, it was discussed that legal would need to weigh in before making any suggestions to change MASC sample policy. Due to the state mandated deadline, discussion continued on recommending the acceptance of the updated MASC policy to amend current policy, with the understanding that this policy would be slated for further discussion if/when MASC is hired to revise and review Policies. Hortie motioned to recommend amending current Policy JKAA to the MASC updated version. Second by Spadafora. Passed unanimously with the note that this policy requires further discussion.

Rose-Zeiberg introduced the MASC updated Policy JLCD- Administration of Medicine to Students and new policy JLCDC - Self-administration of Medicine. Members felt there was a lot of work to be done on specifics. Spadafora brought up that there is going to be a new Director of Nursing who should be consulted. Additionally, as the proposed JLCD includes language on anti-opioid medications, the members felt bringing in board of health and other programs could

be warranted. Discussion on storage of OTC meds, age requirements, and use of Photo IDs continued. Bernard asked if we need the forms that are included in our current version. With so many questions, and with the expected hiring of MASC to review all policies, no action was taken with the expectation that section J would be one of the first requested to be reviewed.

In other business, Rose-Zeiberg said she had talked to Alicia Mallon about doing the Policy Review. The review can be done over three years, or quicker if needed. A schedule/template would be created of when things are due from the SC and the Supt.

Motion to adjourn by Spadafora was seconded by Hortie. Passed unanimously.

Adjourned at 7:36 PM.