

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF

APRIL 1, 2026

SUBMITTED FOR THE APPROVAL OF:

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

AND

THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

“AN OPEN MEETING ADVANTAGE FOR THE COMMUNITY OF METHUEN”

RECORDED BY:

MEMBER ALEJANDRO BAEZ, CHAIR

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1. Call to Order

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

12:06 M: Sirois S: Keegan

3. Public Participation

- None

4. Discussion on “[Methuen Public Schools Subcommittee Meeting Recording and Public Access Policy](#)” (Member McCarthy-Sirois)

- Sirois: concerned about the cost of doing the recordings
- Baez: Was the district still investigating OWL cameras? OWL cameras not portable?
- Keegan: concerned about optics of spending money on ourselves but not on district
- Sirois: Is city hall hooked up for youtube? Do we have to be on their system if we bring an OWL camera?
- Baez: could stream and record (portable system), but isn't necessary, could be fine to post recording after
- Director Lopez will gather information on storage of OWL camera and will share information.

5. Review and Approval of Recommendations for Section I

a. [Section I Analysis](#)

b. [Section I with changes](#)

- Alicia shared the following information
- - Policies fall into three policies: “change your font policies”, aspirational Methuen specific policies, some fall in the middle- legal aspects with some room for interpretation
 - Policy IA: aspirational, Methuen-only “Educational Philosophy”

Baez- recommends to hold on aspirational policies until we know where district is headed in future

Holding on:

- Holding on educational philosophy
- IAA-E1 (curriculum goals) ((Alicia says this belongs in handbook))
- IAA-E2 (recommended to remove)- curr
- IB- Academic Freedom (IB)- ADOPTING MASC
- IC/ICA School Year/School Calendar (restatement of 180 990, 185 snow days planned in)
 - Could put a line in there that it could be the practice of MPS
- ID “administrative and staff hours will be posted on the district website”
 - Principal staying until busses have cleared-- (Sirois) not recommended
- IE- Organization of Instruction usually in handbooks (recommended removal by Alicia), Keegan recommended agree since subcommittee is looking at this and doesn’t want this to be in policy group to clash, Baez wants to keep it and if revision needed (could do 2 reads)
- IGA- Methuen’s IGA, and IGD recommended to be removed and replacing with MASC’s IGA/IGD; Methuen’s from 1975, MASC has relevant MGLs that go with it
- IGB: Student services program- everything outside of special education- update title to Assistant Superintendent of Student Services
- IHAM- MASC only policy- removing the mandated line for K-6
- IHAM- R-- Alicia is double-checking the number of days that principal has to get back to parent
- IHAMA- passed, no objections
- IHAMB
- IHB-MASC only: Alicia looking at Special Needs or Students with Disabilities----will be continued for next meeting

6. Other Business from the Subcommittee

- Baez- have policy wellness on the policy on next agenda and invite Mr. Frati to come to meeting to hear how to carry about policy with procedures

7. Adjourn

M:Keegan, S: Sirois

1:09