

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF

SEPTEMBER 11, 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

2026.09.11

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1. Call to Order

Present: Member Baez, Member Keegan, Member McCarthy Sirois

Others in attendance: Interim Superintendent Lisa Golobski Twomey

2. Acceptance of the Agenda

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to accept the agenda.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Passed: 3-0

3. Approval of Minutes -

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to accept the minutes
for 8/5/2026.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to accept the minutes
for 8/12/2026.

Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Passed 3-0

4. Public Participation - Jack Burke, See attached letter

5. PROTECT Act model (policy, procedures, and guidance)

a. We need to react with MGL and new PROTECT act guidelines

b. reviewing DESE vs. MASC. Policy

c. With changes in law does our practice change?

i. New policy has more specifics and more support

ii. Can vote without having word "approval"

iii. Suspend Section B current policy with a 2/3rd vote, then vote to approve

**"To suspend first and second read in order to meet state deadline" (2/3) 5
ppl needed**

6. Review and Approval of Recommendations for Section J

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- a. JJF and JJF-R: Hold for Business Office review
- b. JJH: PASSED
- c. JJH-R: PASSED
 - i. School Committee must accept ALL monetary gifts as contracts
 - ii. Ask legal council about games of chance ie calendars
- d. JJIB: PASSED
- e. JJIF: Keep Methuen
- f. JJIF-R: Keep Methuen
- g. JK: PASSED
- h. JKAA: Keep ours
- i. JKB: Removal
- j. JL: Holding for further review

7. Other Business from the Subcommittee

- a. New link for section J Methuen DRAFT Section J With Changes.docx
- b. Attach Section J hazing policy from public comment and social emotional learning policy proposal for review Attach policy to next meeting as well.
- c. Section K need link as view only and available for the public
- d. E bikes and AI policies coming soon
- e. Review policies periodically set up a system

8. Adjourn

MOTION: Member McCarthy Sirois made a motion to adjourn.
Member Keegan seconded the motion.

Adjourned at 1:21pm

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Mr. Jack Burke

I was reading some of the Section C documents approved but not posted.
I noted a language issue that should be clearly resolved.

MASC uses the term regulation and a -R in the documentation but a term called
"Procedure is
used in the documents.

Was this an oversight or is MASC going to add a -P to the document tree?

Any insight would be appreciated.

Regards,
jack Burke

Other documents shall be attached from public comment (other documents are in the book for
the minutes and filed away.)