

TRANSCRIPT OF RECORDED MINUTES

OF

THE METHUEN SCHOOL COMMITTEE

POLICY SUBCOMMITTEE

OF

JULY 8, 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

2026.07.08

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**1. Call to Order**

Present: Member Baez, Member Keegan, Member McCarthy Sirois

**2. Acceptance of the Agenda**

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

Second: Member Keegan seconded the motion.

**VOTE:                      3-0                      Passed**

**3. Approval of Minutes July 1, 2026**

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to approve the minutes for July 1, 2026.

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

**Discussion - None**

**VOTE:                      3-0                      Passed**

**4. Public Participation - None**

**5. Review and Approval of Recommendations for Section I**

- Letter from MASC needed about procedure
- July 20th meeting is being floated

**6. Review and Approval of Recommendations for Section J**

- School Choice: seeking legal advice still
- JI: questions about a student's expression and questions about the intent of the policy wait for MASC, Aldo recent case law about responsibility of admin to decide degree of expression
- JIB: HOLD for admin review
- JICA: Dress Code; The subcommittee concluded that a discussion on dress code/uniform should be thoughtful like everything else and should include the whole community. Talk with principals, talk with students, leadership team, parents WILL HOLD FOR DISTRICT WIDE INPUT the plan is for the administration to gage the opinion of the different constituencies and come back to us with feedback to move forward in the best interest of the students, families, and faculty.

**7. Other Business from the Subcommittee - None**

**8. Adjourn**

MOTION: Member Keegan made a motion to adjourn.

Member McCarthy Sirois seconded the motion.

**VOTE:                      3-0                      Passed**

**Adjourned at 1:32pm**

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