

# GARDNER PUBLIC SCHOOLS

Policy Subcommittee  
Meeting Minutes  
Thursday, April 15, 2021  
5:30 PM  
Via ZOOM Meeting

In Attendance: Mrs. Anne Hurst, Chair; Mrs. Rachel Cormier, Member; Mrs. Jennifer Pelavin, Member

Absent:

Also in Attendance: Dr. Mark Pellegrino, Superintendent; Dr. Catherine Goguen, Chief Academic Officer; Ms. Courtney Dunn, Grants/Compliance/Communications Coordinator

Mrs. Hurst called the meeting to order at 5:33 p.m.

A motion was made by Mrs. Cormier and seconded by Mrs. Pelavin to approve the minutes of the February 25, 2021 Policy Meeting. The motion passed unanimously.

The following policies were reviewed and determined that no changes were required. Therefore, the policies will be updated as “Reviewed April, 2021”:

- Policy EFD – Meal Charge Policy
- Policy GBEBD – Online Fundraising and Solicitations – Crowdfunding
- Policy ILD – Student Submission to Educational Surveys and Research
- Policy JICFA-E – Hazing
- Policy JKAA – Physical Restraint Policy and Procedures
- Policy JKD – Student Suspension/Expulsion
- Policy JKD-R – Student Suspension/Expulsion Procedures

Policies CEBA – Evaluation Responsibilities and CBI – Evaluation of the Superintendent were reviewed and discussed. The Subcommittee recommended replacing current District Policies CEB – Superintendent Evaluation and CEBA with the Massachusetts Association of School Committees (MASC) recommended Policy CBI. A motion was made by Mrs. Cormier and seconded by Mrs. Pelavin to send Policy CBI to the May full School Committee Meeting for a first read for adoption. The motion passed unanimously. The Subcommittee also recommended that Policies CEB and CEBA be sent to the full School Committee for a vote for removal after a second reading and adoption of Policy CBI.

Policy JFBB – School Choice was reviewed and discussed. Dr. Goguen stated that the current policy is in alignment with M.G.L. 76:12B with the exception of language regarding siblings of students attending the District via School Choice. The Subcommittee recommended that language from the law regarding siblings be added to Policy JFBB as condition number four. A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to send the policy with the

recommended changes to the May full School Committee Meeting for a first read. The motion passed unanimously.

Policies JIC – Student Discipline and JKA – Discipline of Students With Disabilities were reviewed and discussed. Dr. Goguen stated that the MASc does not have a separate policy for discipline of students with disabilities and she presented changes to Policy JIC to include language from the current District Policy JKA. A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to send the policy with the presented changes to the May full School Committee Meeting for a first read. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was made by Mrs. Pelavin and seconded by Mrs. Cormier to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 6:00 p.m.