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Educational Policy Committee Agenda Minutes

~~December 2, 2025~~ ~~December 16, 2025~~ **January 6, 2026** | 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Wayne Kinney, Patty Hastings, Katie Martikke

Members Absent: Dina Spenciner, Lance Harvell

Other Members Present: Gwen Doak

Staff Present: Christian Elkington, Monique Poulin

Other Staff Present: Keith Acedo, Carol Kiesman, Nichole Goodspeed, Stacey Gilbert, James Black, Joel Smith, Galen Dalrymple, Doug Hodum

I. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Kinney

- A. Meeting called to order at 7:09

II. Previous Committee Minutes- Meeting Cancelled No Notes

III. Updates

- A. Grant Awards - Poulin

1. Nicky Ball-WGM-Rest and Reading Mats for Kindergarten-Franklin Savings Bank-\$1650
2. Hannah Goodenow-WGM-MEEA Maine Environmental Education Association Grant-\$1500
3. Marian Harrison-MBC-Mini Grants for Outdoor Learning-To supply growing material, medium and seeds for the greenhouse which in turns produces seedlings for class use, community gardens in the community and provides seedlings for the school-\$750

IV. New - Chair Kinney

- A. Textbook Notification Reviews ([Policy IJJ](#)) - Poulin/Dalrymple

1. [How to Adult, Personal Finance](#)

- a. MBHS/FTC Bridge Academy

- B. Girls Lacrosse at MBMS - Shane Dudash

1. [Proposal](#)

2. Discussion

- a. Girls currently play with boys' lacrosse. Games are very different.

- b. This would involve another coaching position.

- c. Start up cost is about \$13,000. Finance approved a 50/50 split up to \$6500. Yearly costs will be \$8000 going forward.

- d. Practices will be held at Kemp.
 - 3. Vote to approve the program (Finance approved \$6500 in local funding.)
 - a. Katie Martikke made a motion to approve the program and Patty Hastings seconded it; unanimous.
- C. Data Presentation - Poulin
- 1. Review
 - a. Building principals reviewed 2024-2025 MTYA, NWEA and Science Assessment data and answered questions.
 - 2. School Principals
 - a. AHS/GDC - Principal Acedo
 - b. CCHS - Principal Kiesman
 - c. CBS - Principal Goodspeed
 - d. WGM - Principal Gilbert
 - e. MBMS - Principal Black
 - f. MBHS - Principal Smith
 - 3. Questions
 - 4. Board Members are asked to take more time to review the reports given tonight and to send questions to Chris and Monique for review and discussion at the next meeting.
- D. Public Information support & planning - Elkington-**TABLE - Next agenda**
- 1. Recent concerns overwhelmed the district office
 - a. These concerns demonstrated our lack of communication preparedness (backburner last two years)
 - i. RSU (Long-Term Goal 3: All RSU 9 community members will be well informed about education in their schools and utilize frequent opportunities for feedback to give their input.
 - o 25-26 Action Steps
 - 1. Community: Assess family participation in school & create action plan
 - 2. Culture: Assess & develop student voice structures in grades 5-12
 - b. I found a highly regarded firm to support us during our recent difficulties and to support us with planning
 - i. We needed and received greater expertise on the spot during November
 - o Instead of charging us for their time and consultation I agreed to contract with them
 - o [12-9-2025 John Guilfoil PR Contract - Final](#)
 - ii. Funding
 - o Be paid in advance and not be part of the 26-27 budget
 - c. Next steps:
 - i. Three parts:
 - o Communications Audit
 - 1. \$9,000 (one-time cost)

- 12 month contract
 - 1. Approx \$18,000 (\$1,500 per month)
 - 2. Develop a communication plan
 - a. Social Media
 - b. Transparency and speed
 - 3. PD support with creating monthly content over the next year
- Continuation of contract would be a reduction of approx \$1,000 per month for year 2
 - 1. TBD by Board

V. 25-26 Policy Work (Starts no later than 7:45 pm) - Elkington

A. Policy Folders

1. Review (Few or no Changes)
 - a. [ADC-R-Tobacco-Use-and-Possession-Administrative-Procedure](#)
 - b. [ECDA Traffic-and-Parking-Controls](#)
 - c. [ECE-Parking-on-School-Property](#)
 - d. [EEAEF-Video-Cameras-on-Buses](#)
 - e. [EEBB- Use-of-Private-Vehicles-on-School-Business](#)
 - f. [FA-Facilities-Development-Goals-Priority-Objectives](#)
 - g. [FB-Facilities-Planning](#)
 - Review/Questions
 - i. Minor changes and adjustments
 - Vote to approve as review only
 - i. Patty Hastings made the motion and Katie Martikke seconded it.
 - ii. Unanimous
2. Minor Revisions
 - a. [ACAB-R 2025 Rev. Harassment and Sexual Harassment](#)
 - b. [ACAA-R-Rev 2025 Student-Discrimination_Harassment-and-Title-IX-Sexual-Harassment-Complaint-Procedures](#)
 - i. Renamed from combining ACAA-R1 & ACAA-R2 (nix R2)
 - c. [ACAB 2025 Rev Harassment of-School-Employees](#)
 - i. Renamed from combining ACAB-R1 & ACAB R-2 (nix r2)
 - d. [ACAA- 2025 Rev Harassment of-Students](#)
 - e. [AC- 2025 Rev. NonDiscrimination-Equal-Opportunity-and-Affirmative-Action](#)
 - f. [EEA-Student-Transportation-Services](#)
 - g. [EEBB-R Use-of-Private-Vehicles-on-School-Business](#)
 - h. [JICH-R-Draft Rev. Student-Drug-Alcohol-and-Tobacco-Administrative-Procedure](#)
 - i. Revise to Remove Tobacco Portion (covered under ADC)
 - Review/Questions
 - i. Katie Duchesne spoke to the AC policies in her role at Title IX Officer. Returned to 2021-2022 wording per info from our attorneys.

- Vote to move to full Board for one reading
 - i. Patty Hastings made a motion to move forward all the AC policies and Katie Martikke seconded it.
 - i. Unanimous vote.
 - ii. Katie Martikke made a motion to move forward EEA, EEBB-R, JICH-R and Patty Hastings seconded it.
 - i. Unanimous vote.
- 3. Eliminate
 - a. [ACAA-R2 Student Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure](#)
 - i. Combined with ACAA-R1 and renamed ACAA-R
 - b. [ACAB-R2 Employee Sex Discrimination/Harassment Complaint Procedure](#)
 - i. Combined with ACAB-R1 and renamed ACAB-R
 - c. [EEA-R- Bussing-Regulations](#)
 - d. [FEA-Educational-Specifications-for-Construction](#)
 - e. [GBA Equal Opportunity Employment](#)
 - f. [GBEA Staff Protection](#)
 - g. [GBED-MB Tobacco-Free-School-Policy](#)
 - i. Covered by ADC
 - h. [GBED-R-Tobacco-Free-School-Regulation](#)
 - i. Covered by ADC-R
 - i. [GCID-R2-Attendance-at-National-Conferences](#)
 - j. [GCID-R1-Staff-Visitations-and-Conferences-Regulations](#)
 - k. [GCID-E2-Mileage-Voucher](#)
 - l. [GCID-E1-Conference-Workshop-Meeting-Form](#)
 - m. [GCI-R-Procedure-on-Personnel-Development](#)
 - n. [JICG-Student-Tobacco-Use](#)
 - i. Covered by ADC
- Review/Questions
 - i. Superintendent Elkington reviewed the rationale for elimination.
- Vote to move all to the Full Board for one Reading
 - i. Patty Hastings made the motion and Gwen Doak seconded it.
 - Unanimous vote.

VI. Next Mtg. February 3, 2026

VII. Adjourned at 8:29.

VIII. Future Agenda Items -

- A. January/Feb 2026
 - 1. Sci Curriculum Update
- B. Request for FOAA data requests was asked-Superintendent will bring to next meeting.