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Educational Policy Committee Agenda Minutes

May 5, 2026 | 7:00 pm - 8:15 pm

The RSU 9 District Office, Main Street Farmington

Members Present: Christina Bobrow, Wayne Kinney, Katie Martikke, Patty Hastings

Members Absent: Dina Spenciner

Other Members Present: Gwen Doak

Staff Present: Monique Poulin, Chris Elkington

Other Staff Present: Doug Hodum

I. Call Meeting to Order - Chair Kinney

A. Meeting was called to order at 7:05

B. Welcome new Board Member, Christina Bobrow, to the committee

II. Previous Committee Minutes - [4.7.2026](#)

A. Approved at the 4.14.26 Board Meeting

III. Updates - Elkington

A. Grant Awards

1. Six educators in RSU9 were awarded six grants (under \$2000) during the 2026 spring funding round of the Franklin/Somerset STEM Pilot Project (or STEM Expansion Project), totaling \$9765.15.
2. GATE STEAM Night-Franklin County Unit of Maine Education Association-Retired Teachers-\$300
3. Outdoor Leadership Program Archery Materials-Northern Forest Center Community Recreation Grant-\$3000
4. CCHS to refurbish gardens-Mt. Blue Area Garden Club-\$550
5. CCHS to support Community Schools-Maine Community Foundation-\$2000.

B. Presentations

1. None
2. Kevin Bremner will present the 10 year Technology Plan at the next meeting.

C. Facilities Use Policy Committee

1. We will have an Ad Hoc committee to work on KF, KF-R, along with the Facilities Brochure
 - a. Angie LeClair and Gerry Provencher will serve as Board reps.

IV. New

- A. [One time Funding for districts with High Economically Disadvantaged Students](#)
 - 1. [Estimate Additional FY 27 One-Time Funding for SAUs with 40% or more disadvantaged percentage_Per Supplemental Budget](#)
 - 2. We need more time.
 - a. The plan is to use these funds to focus on student behavior strategies. We will bring a plan forward in the near future.
 - b. The total allocation is \$160,000.
- B. Social Media discussion
 - 1. Member Martikke suggested that we discuss what we believe about educational technology in our schools and how that is reflected in our policies. It is important to acknowledge the difference between social media and technology in general. Do we need to craft a board position on this topic that can guide policy? Can this be a topic for the 26-27 school year? What is the vision statement for technology? What do we believe? Do we need an Ad Hoc Committee to work on this?
 - 2. It will be important to get clarity from Kevin Bremner at the next committee meeting. The plan will be shared ahead of time. Please come with questions.

V. [25-26 Policy Work](#) - Elkington

- A. Policy Folders
 - 1. Review revisions and delay
 - a. [BEDH-Rev-3 Public Participation at meetings2024](#)
 - b. [MSMA Policy Alert](#) 4-30-2026
 - c. Review/Discussion/Questions
 - i. Given the recent court ruling and MSMA's plan to make recommendations, we will need to work on this in the future.
 - ii. The chair of the committee and the superintendent shared the policy discussion to date with the newest member.
 - d. Next Steps?
 - 2. Review (Few (doesn't change intent) or no Changes)
 - a. [KB-Parent-Involvement-in-Education](#)
 - b. [KHB Advertising in Schools](#)
 - i. Review
 - ii. Discussion
 - o All were in support.
 - iii. Questions
 - c. Return to policy manual
 - 3. Revised
 - a. [IHCD Draft Rev. Early College Participation](#)

- b. [IHCD-R Draft rev early college participation](#)
 - i. Remove “must” in “Must student is responsible for all associated costs...”
 - ii. “Must schedule college courses that do not conflict with his/her their high school schedule.” Replace with “College courses must not conflict with their high school schedule.”
 - iii. Recommendation of ~~school superintendent, principal and~~ their guidance counselor. Add “their” back in.
 - c. [JIC-draft rev Student-Code-of-Conduct](#)
 - i. Remove “unacceptable” from “Unacceptable use may result in suspension or cancellation of computer privileges as well as additional disciplinary and/or legal action.”
 - d. [JICJ-R Draft Rev Student Use of Personal Electronic Devices at School - Rules](#)
 - i. Review
 - o Aligns with the law that was just passed.
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Questions
 - e. Move to the full Board
 - i. All in favor to move all policies to the board for one reading.
4. Replacement
- a. [JICJ-Draft Rev no phones in schools](#)
 - i. Review
 - o Adjust: “The intent of this policy is to support a focused learning environment, minimize distractions, and promote student social and emotional well-being by **setting expectations regarding and regulating** ~~OR: setting expectations regarding~~ the use of student personal cell phones, smart watches, and other personal electronic devices (PEDs) during the school day.”
 - o Adjust: “Students are not permitted to **use or carry/wear** ~~or~~ access personal cell phones, smart watches, or other PEDs during the school day.”
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Questions
 - b. Move to the full Board
 - i. All in favor to move to the board for two readings.
5. Eliminate
- a. [JHD Exclusions And Exemptions From Physical Education](#)
 - b. [KB-R-Procedure-for-Parent-Involvement](#)

- i. Review
 - ii. Discussion
 - iii. Questions
 - c. Move to the full Board
 - i. All in favor to move to the board for one reading.
 - 6. Brand New - continued
 - a. Adjusted wording
 - i. [GCFA Draft Employee Social Media Privacy](#)
 - ii. [GCSB Draft Employee Use of Social Media](#)
 - iii. Review
 - iv. Discussion
 - v. Questions
 - vi. Move to full Board?
 - i. Table until after the Technology Presentation next month.

VI. Additional Agenda Items

A. [Budget Newsletter](#)

B. Public Relations

1. Scheduling Virtual Town Halls

a. Thursday May 14th @ 6:30 - Board Members only

b. Mark your calendars info to follow

VII. Next Mtg. June 2, 2026

VIII. Adjourned at 8:24.

IX. Future Agenda Items -