

REGIONAL SCHOOL UNIT NO. 40
MAINE SCHOOL ADMINISTRATIVE DISTRICT NO. 40

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POLICY COMMITTEE

Minutes

The mission of the MSAD #40 Policy Committee is to create, maintain, review and update policies that nurture a quality educational environment and which conform to Federal and State Law.

Tuesday April 24, 2012

6:00 p.m.

Central Administrative Offices

COMMITTEE MEMBERS:	Danny Jackson(Chair), Errol Silvestri, Sandra O'Farrell, Cynthia Rosen, Guy Bourrie
EX-OFFICIO MEMBER:	Bonnie Davis Micue
ADMINISTRATIVE MEMBER:	Superintendent Susan A. Pratt

*** PLEASE BRING POLICY MANUALS TO THE MEETING ***

AGENDA TOPICS

I. OPENING

A. Call To Order

Danny Jackson called the meeting to order at 6:05pm

B. Declaration of Quorum

A quorum was declared with everyone present.

Others present: Board Member- Tod Brown, Superintendent- Susan Pratt, Athletic Director- Matt Lash, Principal- Julia Levensaler, Director of Instruction- Kim Schroeter, and Parent- Katlin Puchalski

II. ACTION ITEMS

A. Adjustments to the Agenda

The discussion on concussions and a proposed policy from Matt Lash were moved to the top of the agenda. Policy JJI would be discussed next, then Policy IIHB, and finally Policy JJ.

B. Discussion of a Concussion Management Policy/Procedure

There was continued discussion on concussions. Matt Lash presented a proposed policy on concussions that he developed. He mentioned this policy would be a good start. There is still a proposed Bill in front of the Legislature that deals with concussions. This policy will serve us until we get direction from the Legislature on how to proceed with implementing a concussion policy. Errol asked that we make sure parents are involved in the process.

III. NEW/REVISED POLICIES FOR CONSIDERATION

A. Proposed New: Policy JRE- Concussion

There was discussion on this proposed new policy It was discussed about having exhibits attached to this policy.

Sandra O'Farrell moved and Errol Silvestri seconded to send Policy JRE along with exhibits to the Board for a first reading with this policy to be revisited in December 2012. All in favor. Motion passed.

B. Revise: Policy JJI- Student Athletics

There was little discussion on the change/revision to this policy. There was one sentence added. It stated.. For Concussions, refer to Policy JRE- Concussion. Guy Bourrie and Errol Silvestri seconded to send to the Board for a first reading. All in favor. Motioned passed.

C. Revise: Policy IIHB- Class Size

The Curriculum Committee had been invited to this Policy Meeting to discuss this policy. Tod Brown and Errol attended. Francis Cross notified Sue he would be unable to attend

There was much discussion on this policy. Sue said research showed a class size of 14 was small, 14-23 was an average size, and over 23 was a large class.

It was mentioned this policy is a guideline.

Guy mentioned some studies showed a small class size was better for the students.

Everyone gave their views/opinions on the topic of class size. It was a great discussion with passionate views all around.

Guy Bourrie moved and Errol Silvestri seconded to table Policy IIHB until the next Policy Committee meeting. Guy Bourrie, Errol Silvestri, Cynthia Rosen, and Sandra O'Farrell approved. Danny Jackson abstained. Motion Passed.

D. Proposed New: Policy JJ- Student Clubs, Co/Extra Curricular Activities, Athletic Teams

There was discussion on this proposed new policy. Sue mentioned the reason for this policy.

Errol Silvestri moved and Guy Bourrie seconded to send to the Board for a first reading. All in favor. Motioned passed.

IV. OTHER ITEMS

None

IV. ADJOURNMENT

Cynthia Rosen moved and Sandra O'Farrell seconded to adjourn. All in favor. Motion Passed. Policy Committee adjourned at 8:24pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Danny L. Jackson

**Policy Chair
RSU#40/MSAD#40**

