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MEETING NOTICE**

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**Name of Board or Committee:** Somerset Berkley Regional School Committee – Policy Subcommittee

**Date & Time of Meeting:** Wednesday, July 14, 2021 at 8:00 am

**Location of Meeting:** via Zoom: by phone 1.929.205.6099 Meeting ID: 859 7504 7568 Passcode: 294156

OR: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85975047568?pwd=UnRFMDZsdEVGQ0pKTkh6bW1BcGRKdz09>

Robin Vaccaro, Recording Secretary, July 8, 2021  
**Clerk/Board Member posting notice & date**

Call the meeting to order at \_\_\_\_\_ due notice having been posted.

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**Members Present:**

- Mrs. Julie Ramos Gagliardi, Chair
- Mr. Richard Fenstermaker, Vice Chair
- Ms. Jenifer Andrews
- Mr. Victor Machado, Jr
- Mr. Michael McDonald
- Mr. Richard Peirce
- Ms. Jennifer Vincent

**Administration Present:**

- Superintendent of Schools, Mr. Jeffrey Schoonover
- Director of Business & Finance, Mr. Ronald Tarro
- Director of Curriculum, Ms. Elizabeth Haskell
- Director of Special Education, Ms. Megan Ashton
- Director of Technology, Mr. Stephen Levesque
- Director of Buildings & Grounds, Mr. Carlos Campos

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**AGENDA / LIST OF TOPICS**

- I. Ongoing Review of MASC Recommended Policy Updates per June 2017 Newsletter (see attached)
- II. Consider Approval of June 30, 2021 Minutes
- III. Other Business

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# **MASC Policy Newsletter**

Michael J Gilbert, Field Director – Policy Development

June 2017

This policy newsletter will cover a number of topics. Most individual policy changes are posted as Word documents on the “Updated/New Policies” page on the MASC website and in the MASC Policy Reference Manual which is also available on the MASC website.

## **Updated MASC Policy Reference Manual**

Just as School Committees should do, the MASC Field Staff spent considerable time over the last year reviewing and updating the MASC Policy Reference Manual. The changes are detailed below and **copies of these updated policies are available in the Online Policy Reference Manual on the MASC website**. Many of these changes, especially those that say “updated language”, are cleaning up grammar, adding or changing legal references and cross references or other minor edits. You can cut and paste individual policies from the Online Reference Manual and to share individual policies for review with subcommittee members, administrators, or others you can hyperlink to individual policies by clicking on the globe at the top of each policy page.

## **Policies we have removed from the Reference Manual**

MASC staff have found the following policies to be redundant or unnecessary and we have removed them from our reference manual:

### **DJG –Vendor Relations**

### **H- Negotiations**

**IHAE – Physical Education** (requirements are included in ADF – Wellness)

**IJJ – Textbook Selection** (included in IJ - Instructional Materials)

**IJK – Supplementary Materials** (see IJJ)

**IJM – Special Interest Materials** (see IJJ)

**JBA – Student-to-Student Harassment** (included in JICFB – Bullying Prevention)

**JICG – Tobacco** (included in JICH – Alcohol, Tobacco, and Drug Use Prohibited)

**JRA-R – Regulations on student records** (these are available on the DESE website)

**KEB – Complaints about School Personnel** (incorporated into other policies)

**KEB-R Complaints about School Personnel** (incorporated into other policies)

**KEC – Complaints about Materials** (included in KE – Public Complaints)

**KJA – Relations with Boosters** (included in KBE - Relations With Parent Organizations)

## Policies you should review

MASC has made changes to the following policies. Some of these changes are a result of legal changes, changes in practice, or simply an updating of language to reflect more modern needs. Many of these changes are very minor and will not require a change at the local level.

The policies are in order alphabetically by section:

12 each

**ACE – Nondiscrimination on the Basis of Disability** – We changed the word “handicap” to “disability” throughout the policy.

**ADC – Tobacco** – We have updated the definitions to reflect changes in both state and federal laws and regulations and incorporate new technologies (E-cigarettes and vaping).

**BBA – School Committee Powers and Duties** – The language has been updated to include appropriate Personnel roles.

**BBBA/BBBB – School Committee Qualifications** – Updated to include statutory requirements for Open Meeting Law and Conflict of Interest Law.

**BDD – School Committee – Superintendent Relationship** – Updated language.

**BDE - Subcommittees** – Updated to reflect new Open Meeting Law requirements

**BDF - Advisory Committees** - Updated to reflect new Open Meeting Law requirements

**BEDA – Notice** – Updated to reflect new Open Meeting Law requirements

**BEDB – Agenda Format** - Updated to reflect new Open Meeting Law requirements

**BEDH – Public Comment at Meetings** – Updated title to replace participation with comment.

**BHE – Electronic Messaging** – Updated to include newer messaging technologies

**BIA – New School Committee Member Orientation** – Updated language

**BIBA – School Committee Conferences** – Updated language

**CB – School Superintendent** – Updated language

**CBD – Superintendent’s Contract** – Updated language

**CBI – Superintendent Evaluation** – Updated to align with new evaluation process

**CE – Administrative Councils** – Updated language

**CH – Policy Implementation** - Updated language

**CHA – Development of Procedures** - Updated language

**CHC – Procedure Dissemination** - Updated language

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**DB – Annual Budget** - Updated language

**DBC – Budget Deadlines** - Updated and streamlined language

**DBD – Budget Planning** - Updated language

**DBJ – Budget Transfer Authority** – Updated to reflect best practices

**DD – Funding Proposals and Applications** - Updated language

**DGA – Authorized Signatures** – Updated to reflect best practices

**DJE – Procurement Requirements** – This policy has been updated to reflect changes in law in both 2016 and early 2017 specifically changing the dollar threshold for requiring bids. Before changing your local policy, you should ensure your local Charter doesn't have differing requirements.

**DK – Payment Procedures** – Updated Language

**DKC – Expense Reimbursement** – Updated to reflect best practices

**EB – Safety Program** – Updated Language

**EBB – First Aid** – Updated to reflect best practices

**EC – Buildings and Grounds Management** – Updated language

**ECA – Buildings and Grounds Security** – Updated language

**EDC – Authorized use of School Owned Materials** – Updated language

**EEAA – Walkers and Riders** – Updated language

**EEAEA – Bus Driver Examination and training** – Updated language

**EFC – Free and Reduced Price Food Services** – Updated language

**FA – Facilities Development Goals** – Updates to align with MSBA regulations

\* **FF – Naming Facilities** – Updated to reflect best practices

**FFA – Memorials** – added new policy to reflect best practices

**GBA – Equal Employment Opportunity** – Updated to reflect best employment practices

**GBEA – Staff Ethics** – Updated to reflect changes in Conflict Laws

**GBEB – Staff Conduct** – Updated language

**GBED – Staff Tobacco** – Updated definitions for new technologies

**GBGB – Staff Personal Security** – Updated language and changed code from GCCD

**GBGE – Domestic Violence Leave** - Updated language and changed code from GCCC

**GBGF – Family and Medical Leave** – Updated language

**GBI – Staff Participation in Political Activities** – Updated language

- GBK – Staff Complaints and Grievances – Updated language
- GCBA – Professional Staff Salary Schedules – Updated language
- GCBB – Employment of Principals – Updated language
- GCBC – Professional Staff Supplementary Pay Plans – Updated language
- GCE – Professional Staff Recruiting – Updated language
- GCF – Professional Staff Hiring – Updated language
- GCJ – Professional Teacher Status – Updated language
- GCQF – Suspension and Dismissal of Professional Staff – Updated language
- GDO – Evaluation of Support Staff – Updated for best practices
- GDQD – Suspension and Dismissal of Support Staff – Updated language
- IB – Academic Freedom – Updated language
- IC/ICA – School Year/School Calendar – Updated language
- ~~ID – School Day – Updated language~~
- IE – Organization of Instruction – Updated language
- ~~IGB – Support Services Programs – Updated to align with best practices~~ *Supt.*
- IHA – Basic Instructional Program – Updated language
- IHAJ – Occupational Education – Updated language
- ~~IHAM – Health Education – Update language~~ *Supt.*
- ~~IHAMMA – Parental Notification Sex Education – codification repair~~ *NL*
- IHB – Special Education – Updated language
- ~~IHBFA – English Language Learners – Updated language~~ *-Supt.*
- IHBH – Alternative School Programs – Updated language
- ~~IJ – Instructional Materials – Updated and consolidated with other similar policies (see deletion list)~~
- ~~IJLA – Library Resources – Updated language~~
- ~~IJNDD – Social Media – Updated language to include new technologies~~
- ~~IJOA – Field Trips – Updated for best practices~~
- IJOB – Community Resources – Updated language
- ~~IK – Student Progress Reports – Updated language~~
- ~~IKF – Graduation Requirements – Updated to reflect MASS Core~~ *-Supt.*
- ~~IMG – Animals in Schools – Updated language~~ *-Supt.*

- JCA – Assignment of Students to School – Updated for best practices
- JEB – Entrance Age – Updated for best practices
- JFBB – School Choice – Updated language
- JHD – Exclusions and Exemptions from School – Updated to reflect change in law
- JICH – Alcohol Drugs and Tobacco – Updated to consolidate JICG and update definitions
- JII – Student Complaints and Grievances – Updated language
- JJE – Fundraising – Updated for best practices
- JJH-R – Travel Regulations – Updated to reflect change in background checks
- JLCB – Inoculation of Students – Updated to reflect changing DPH requirements
- JLCC – Communicable Diseases – Updated language
- ✓ JLCD – Administration of Medication – Updated to reflect best practices and legal changes - *Sept.*
- JQ – Student Fees, Fines, and Charges – Updated to reflect DESE legal guidance
- ✓ KBBA – Non-Custodial Parents' rights – Updated language - *Sept.*
- KBE – Relations with parent/booster organizations – Updated language to include KJA
- KCD – Public Gifts to Schools – Updated language
- KDB – Public's right to know – Updated to reflect new public records requirements
- KDD – News Media / News Releases – Updated language
- KE – Public Complaints – Updated for language and to incorporate KEB, KEB-R, KEC
- KHB – Advertising in Schools – Updated for language and best practices
- ✓ KI – Visitors to School – Updated language - *Sept.*
- ✓ LDA – Student Teaching and Internships – Updated language - *Sept.*