

Policy Update Summary 2019/2020

The School Committee established a series of goals for the 2019/2020 school year including: *“To create a schedule of policies to be updated and reaffirm or revise at least 20% every year.”* In September, 22 of the oldest policies, having a last reviewed date from 1985 - 2011, were selected for review.

In the first half of the year, the School Committee reviewed, revised, eliminated, and added policies, discussing 1-3 policies most meetings. All policies went through the standard review procedure of a First Reading, Second Reading and further Readings if necessary. Administration and School Committee members gathered information from MASC and surrounding districts to bring a broad perspective to the review.

In March, Covid-19 forced a school closure and remote learning for the remainder of the year. The decision was made to postpone any work on policies that was not essential to running the district during this period of time. Therefore, we were unable to meet our goal for the year, reviewing only half of those we intended to review.

Total Overall Policies: 126

Added: 1

Eliminated: 0

Revised/Reaffirmed: 12

Total Reviewed: 13

On Hold From Original Plan: 14

Approximately 10% of policies were reviewed this year.

Next Steps:

The committee will revisit its goals this summer and determine the next steps for Policy Review. In the meantime, the committee will determine if any policies need to be revised or added to cover new procedures and/or protocols necessary during this period of Covid-19.