

Board Policy Committee

Friday, September 11, 2026

2022-2028 Agency Goals

#1 – Creating a high quality learning experience for all

#2 – Operationalizing systems that engage and empower communities

#3 – Building a culturally Responsive workforce

MESD Board Equity Lens- <https://www.multnomahesd.org/board-equity.html>

The meeting was called to order at 12:03 p.m. Friday, September 11, 2026 by Committee Chair Denyse Peterson.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Present: Denyse Peterson, Committee Chair
Danny Cage, Board member(Arrived at 12:20 p.m.)

Absent: Renee Anderson, Board member

Administration: Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent
Marifer Sager, Strategic Communications & Public Affairs Director
Heather Severns, Board Secretary

Guests: None

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order by Chair Denyse Peterson at approximately 12:04pm

2. 2026-2027 Policy Committee Working Agreement

The committee discussed establishing a recurring meeting date and time. After additional committee members joined the meeting, the group agreed to return to the previous schedule of noon on the second Thursday of each month. Heather Severns will confirm the schedule with Renee and establish the recurring meetings for the remainder of the year.

2. Policy Review Items

A. KNA-Immigration Enforcement on MESD Property-Required

Marifer Sager and Sascha Perrins provided an overview of the new policy addressing immigration enforcement on ESD property.

The policy aligns MESD practices with new legal requirements and establishes protocols for interactions with federal law enforcement at MESD schools and facilities. Staff noted that MESD began developing related procedures in 2024 and is now aligning that existing work with current requirements.

Staff training is underway, with separate protocols for frontline employees and staff responsible for district buildings. Training is expected to be completed by the end of September.

Following Board approval, the policy will be translated into MESD's five supported languages and made available through a landing page within the **Supporting All Students** section of the MESD website so students and families can access relevant policies and information.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

B. BBE-Vancancies on the Board-Optional

The committee reviewed updates to Policy BBE – Vacancies on the Board. Staff reported that the policy required only minor revisions. The associated Board vacancy application will also be updated because the existing version is outdated.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

C. CBA-Qualifications and Duties of the Superintendent

The committee reviewed an OSBA update to the policy addressing superintendent responsibilities.

The primary change clarifies the superintendent's responsibility for supporting the Board with meeting scheduling and required meeting minutes. Staff clarified that these duties are delegated operationally to the Board Secretary/Executive Assistant.

The committee also discussed requirements related to committee minutes and recordings of Regular Session meetings.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

D. EBB-Integrated Pest Management

The committee reviewed updates related to the district's **Integrated Pest Management Plan**.

The policy identifies the position responsible for coordinating the Integrated Pest Management Program. Staff clarified that the Facilities Project Coordinator also serves as the Integrated Pest Management Plan Coordinator.

Staff will confirm that the district's Integrated Pest Management Plan is available on the MESD website. The Board is required to periodically review the policy.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

E. EBBA-Student Health Services

The committee reviewed revisions to Policy EBBA – Student Health Services. Staff reported that the policy had also been reviewed by Jamie Smith.

Discussion focused on new language regarding the supervision and evaluation of school nurses. Staff clarified that a supervisor who is not a licensed nurse may supervise a nurse administratively but may not direct the nurse's professional nursing practice.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

F. GBN/JBA-Sexual Harassment

The committee reviewed the latest revisions to the district's sexual harassment policy, including new language under the prohibition of retaliation provisions.

Chair Peterson asked about existing language requiring an individual to be notified "immediately" following an investigation and whether a more specific timeframe should be identified. Staff

clarified that this language was not part of the current proposed revisions. The committee discussed the question but did not recommend changing the existing language as part of this update.

Given the committee's previous review of the policy and the limited nature of the current revisions, the committee agreed to move the policy forward.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

G. KNA-Corporation with Private Enterprises

The committee reviewed the proposed re-coding of the district's existing KNA – Cooperation with Private Enterprises policy.

Because the new OSBA immigration enforcement policy has been assigned the KNA code, OSBA Policy Services recommended re-coding MESD's existing policy. Staff recommended changing the code to KNB.

No substantive changes are being made to the policy; only the policy code will change. Board approval is required for the re-coding.

Committee Recommendation: Forward the re-coding of the policy to KNB to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

H. JOB-Personally Identifiable Information

The committee reviewed Policy JOB – Personally Identifiable Information.

Although OSBA had not issued a significant update to the policy, staff requested review because the policy is referenced within the new KNA – Immigration Enforcement on ESD Property policy and had not been reviewed recently.

OSBA Policy Services suggested several minor language updates. Staff noted that the revisions primarily clean up existing language and are part of an ongoing effort to ensure district policies receive regular review.

Committee Recommendation: Forward to the Board on the Consent Agenda.

Adjourn

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Heather Severns
Executive Assistant/Board Secretary