Board Policy Committee

Thursday, October 8, 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. Thursday, October 8, 2026 by Committee Chair Denyse Peterson.

- **CALL TO ORDER**

Present:	Denyse Peterson, Committee Chair
Absent:	Renee Anderson, Board member Danny Cage, Board member
Administration:	Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent Heather Severns, Board Secretary
Guests:	None

1. Call to Order

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

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2. Policy Review Items

A. IGDG-Student Activity Funds-New

The committee reviewed proposed new Policy IGDG – Student Activity Funds. Staff explained that MESD does not currently have this policy but that it is needed to establish appropriate guidelines and financial accountability for student activity funds at district schools and programs, potentially including Rivercrest and Helensview.

The policy establishes expectations for the management and expenditure of funds raised through student activities and fundraising.

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

B. IGDK-Non-MESD Sponsored Study and Activities Tours/Trips/Competitions

The committee reviewed proposed revisions to Policy IGDK – Non-MESD Sponsored Activities and Trips.

Staff explained that the policy provides liability protections for MESD regarding activities and trips organized by outside entities. Proposed revisions remove outdated references to a counseling center distributing informational materials, as this no longer reflects district operations.

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

C. JHDB-Mental health Screening Exemptions

Staff reported that the proposed policies addressing Mental Health Screening Exemptions will be held for additional review.

The committee discussed the importance of ensuring that policy language accurately reflects district practices and addresses any necessary exceptions.

Next Step: This policy will return to the Board Policy Committee in November following additional staff review.

D. JEC-School Admissions

Staff reported that the proposed policies addressing School Admissions will be held for additional review.

The committee discussed the importance of ensuring that policy language accurately reflects district practices and addresses any necessary exceptions.

Next Step: This policy will return to the Board Policy Committee in November following additional staff review.

E. DG-Depository of Funds

The committee reviewed the existing Depository of Funds policy. Staff reported that Doana Anderson had reviewed the policy and recommended no changes.

Because the policy remains current and no revisions are necessary, it will not require further Board action.

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

F. KGA-Public Sales on MESD Property

The committee reviewed Policy KGA – Public Sales on MESD Property as part of the district's ongoing review of older policies.

Staff reported that the policy remains appropriate and does not require substantive changes.

Committee Recommendation: Retain the existing policy, update its review date, and submit the updated record to OSBA Policy Services. No Board action is necessary.

G. KH-Public Gifts to MESD

The committee reviewed Policy KH – Public Gifts to MESD.

Staff reported that Dr. Coakley had reviewed the policy and determined that the existing language remains appropriate.

Committee Recommendation: Retain the policy without changes, update the review date, and submit the updated record to OSBA Policy Services. No Board action is necessary.

H. Policies for Deletion

1. JHFDA-Suspension of Driving Privileges

The committee reviewed the existing policy addressing Suspension of Driving Privileges.

Staff explained that the statutory authority previously supporting the policy has been repealed and that educational institutions no longer have the authority described in the policy to suspend student driving privileges.

The committee also discussed the potential inequitable impact such restrictions could have on students who depend on transportation for employment, school attendance, and family responsibilities.

Committee Recommendation: Forward the policy to the Board for deletion through the Consent Agenda.

2. EBBCC-Use of Automated External Defibrillator

   The committee reviewed the existing policy addressing the Use of Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs).

Staff reported that the policy is outdated and that applicable requirements and procedures are now addressed through other MESD policies and current regulations.

The committee clarified that deleting the policy does not mean AED equipment will be removed from district facilities or that appropriate emergency response procedures will be discontinued.

Committee Recommendation: Forward the policy to the Board for deletion through 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