

# Board Policy Committee

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

## 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 12:00 p.m. Wednesday, May 14, 2025 by Committee Chair Renee Anderson.

### ● CALL TO ORDER

**Present:** Renee Anderson, Committee Chair  
Helen Ying, Board member  
Danny Cage, Board member

**Absent:** None

**Administration:** Sascha Perrins, Assistant Superintendent  
Heather Severns, Board Secretary

**Guests:** None

#### 1. IIA-Instructional Materials Policy

- Heather Severns explained that the updated policy from OSBA was adopted in full due to the extensive number of edits needed for the MESD version.
- Helen Ying noted the improved inclusiveness of the OSBA language compared to the previous MESD policy.
- The committee agreed to move this rewritten policy to the Action Agenda.

#### 2. IKF-Graduation Requirements Policy

- This policy was also rewritten using required OSBA legal language to reflect statutory updates.
- It now includes updated terminology such as the "Certificate of Attendance" replacing previous alternative certificate language.
- Committee agreed to keep optional explanatory language for clarity and move this policy to the Action Agenda.

### 3. Board Policy Summaries Project

- Heather shared the status of the multilingual policy summaries now available on the MESD website.
- Summaries are being translated into five languages and housed on the MESD Board Policies page.
- The site is still under development and may be temporarily unpublished for continued updates.

### 4. Gender Identity and Policy Audit

- Sascha Perrins reviewed nine policies for gender-related language in alignment with the board's recent resolution.
- Several policies already include references to sexual orientation and gender identity; some require minor updates.
- Specifically, Policy #8 (Student Records) lacks language affirming the right to privacy regarding gender identity. Sascha will return with draft language to address this.
- Policies IGBAB/JO, JF/JFA, and KAB will be reviewed and brought to the June Policy Committee meeting with updated language.
- Discussion noted that Oregon law permits the withholding of such information from parents in certain cases.

### 5. Data Privacy & Technology

- Concerns were raised about student data privacy, especially in relation to third-party services and AI systems.
- The group discussed how sensitive data should be handled and protected, particularly in light of digitization efforts.

### 6. Future Review

- Policies flagged for further review in June: IGBAB/JO, JF/JFA and KAB.
- The committee acknowledged that while progress has been made, nuanced work remains regarding gender identity protections in policies.

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### Additional Updates

- Two scholarship recipients have confirmed attendance at the upcoming board meeting. Twelve were invited in total.
- Committee members expressed appreciation for Heather's ongoing work and thorough policy reviews.

**Adjourn**

There being no further discussion, the meeting was adjourned at 12:49 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Heather Severns

Executive Assistant/Board Secretary