

# EASTHAMPTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS

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Minutes



Dr. Allison LeClair, Superintendent

### SCHOOL COMMITTEE POLICY SUB-COMMITTEE MEETING

#### REGULAR SESSION

Zoom

March 1, 2022

4:00 p.m.

- I. Call to Order at 4:00. Present: Laurie Garcia, Ben Hersey, and Megan Ward Harvey as guest. Dr. LeClair joined at 4:16.  
Various spectators in public
- II. Public Speak
  - Shelly asked where our COVID policies are located. LG explained they are digitized and online, such as the mask policy. However, we are unable to have a verbal exchange with the audience in public speak.
  - Jean Pao Wilson offered her opinion about children's rights to breathe safely without masks.
- III. Discuss MASC changes and update policy EBCFA Face Coverings  
After a lengthy discussion and scientific advice given by Dr. Harvey, we decided to bring the MASC policy changes as presented in EBCFA to the full committee.  
Ben Hersey made motion, seconded by Laurie Garcia, all in favor.
  - Ben asked about masks on buses. Dr. LeClaire explained federal legislation, rather than state mandate. After discussion, it was decided we would keep masking rules the same on buses as we have in schools, after being brought to a vote next week.)
- IV. Discuss MASC changes to JLCD Administering Medicine to Students.  
Discussion was tabled after we realized the two policies given were identical.
- V. Other
  - Ben asked about a possible discussion of the truancy letter in a future meeting; however, that is more procedure than policy. Dr. LeClaire will examine the current letter.
  - Dr. LeClaire suggested we add a policy about Drug Free Schools to a future meeting.
  - Megan requested we reexamine our bussing policy, especially considering budgetary concerns. Dr. LeClaire warned about equity when reexamining distance guidelines.
- VI. Adjourn at 4:59.

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