

9140 CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

Community and/or parent and guardian advisory committees can be particularly useful both in keeping the Board and administration informed with regard to community opinion, and in representing the community in the study of specific school problems. The Board shall, when required by law or when it would be beneficial to the welfare of the district's students, appoint advisory committees to assist in research projects, long-range studies, program evaluation, development of policies, or shaping educational goals or programs. Each committee shall be appointed for a specific purpose and time. The Board may dissolve any Board-appointed committee at its sole discretion.

Such committees shall be representative of the community in relation to the tasks delegated to them, and may include staff and students when appropriate. No appointee shall represent an organization, geographic area, religious group, or any other subdivision of the community in an official capacity.

The President may appoint himself or herself to be a member of any special committee and may participate as a voting member once appointed. The President may attend a meeting of any committee to which he or she is not appointed and participate in the discussion as a non-voting member.

The President may appoint the Superintendent and/or the Board Secretary to any Ad Hoc committee. The President shall appoint the Superintendent and/or Board Secretary to an Ad Hoc committee when requested by the Superintendent and/or Board Secretary. The President shall also appoint the Superintendent and/or Board Secretary to an Ad Hoc committee when requested by a particular Board committee.

In developing vocational, technical, and enrichment programs and in providing students with practical work experience, systematic programs shall be set up to draw on the assistance offered by business, labor, and other organizations.

The Board shall adopt the committee structure and organization it deems appropriate to the assignment at hand, except for funded programs that have legally established requirements. The Board is responsible for approving all members of a committee and the method of their selection, in consultation with the Superintendent. Staff members shall not constitute a majority of any general community advisory committee.



Recommendations from the committee shall not reduce the responsibility of the Board, which shall be free to accept or reject the recommendations as it sees fit. Only the Board has the power to act. It will be the chairperson's responsibility to see that committee members are informed as to the Board's final decision.

Any publicity concerning the organization, membership, operations, findings, or recommendations of any committee shall be released only by the Board designee.

In district-initiated advisory committees, the Superintendent shall draft procedures for instructing committees as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the services the Board wishes them to render, the resources the Board intends to provide, and the approximate date on which the Board wishes to dissolve the committee. Furthermore, the committee shall be instructed as to the relationship it has to the Board, the individual Board members, the Secretary of the Board, the Superintendent, and the rest of the professional staff.

When the law regulates the formation and activities of an advisory committee, the administration shall cooperate fully in its activities.

N.J.A.C. 6:30-1.5; 6:31-1.14(b)
20 U.S.C.A. 3801 et seq.

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