

## **Advisory Committees to the Board**

In an ongoing effort to increase communication with the public and to provide for citizen involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees which include community members to consider matters of district-wide importance. The Board shall have no permanent or standing advisory committees other than those required by statute.

Recommendations of such committees will be given careful consideration by the Board, but such recommendations will not relieve the Board of its legal responsibility to make final decisions about such matters.

All meetings of advisory committees shall be considered open meetings. The press may attend and report proceedings. Visitors shall sit apart from the committee members and shall speak only when invited to do so by the committee President.

The composition of advisory committees to the Board will be broadly representative and will take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. The process for the appointment of community members to an advisory committee will be determined by the Board. Appointment of staff members, when appropriate, will be made by the superintendent.

The Board will adopt guidelines for each committee as appropriate, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

- The committee's written charge which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of purpose and responsibility;
- The resources the Board will provide;
- The length of time the committee is asked to serve and the approximate date(s) on which the Board wishes to receive committee report(s).

Except as specifically provided by the Board, citizen advisory committees will cease to function when their reports have been received by the Board or when the purposes for which they were established have been accomplished.

The Board may be represented on lay and professional committees that serve the Board in an advisory capacity, with specific Board members appointed by the President, but normally such Board members will function as ex-officio members of the committees.

The Board's responsibility cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the Board for action and must be recognized as advisory in nature.

END OF POLICY

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Legal Reference(s):