



School Board

Advisory Committees

The purpose of each School Board Committee is to provide for broad stakeholder engagement and participation in the processes related to the business of each committee. Board Committees are subject to the Alaska Open Meetings of Governmental Bodies Act, AS 44.62.310-319. Committees meet quarterly, monthly, or as needed during the school term.

Audit Committee

(Usually Board Treasurer)

One board member (usually the board treasurer) meets once or twice a year with the district's auditors and administrative services department staff. Borough audit meetings must also be attended if district business is being discussed.

Budget Committee

(Board Member Chair, Optional Second Elected Board Member Representative & Chief Operations Officer, Administrator)

One elected school board member serves as the committee chair; an additional board member can be appointed to serve on the committee, at the discretion of the board president. The Chief Operations Officer and the Administrative Services staff provide administrative support to the committee. The committee consists of 17-18 members, including a student representative and meets as needed during the budget cycle and school term. Committee examines the administration's proposed budget, provides input, and makes budget recommendations to the board.

Curriculum Committee

(Board Member Chair & Executive Director of Teaching & Learning, Administrator)

One elected board member serves as the committee chair. The executive director and staff of Teaching & Learning provide administrative support. Committee consists of 16 members, including a student representative and usually meets monthly or as needed during the school term. Committee considers upcoming curriculum revisions and makes recommendations to the board.

Diversity Committee

(Board Member Chair & Assistant Superintendent of Elementary, Administrator)

One elected board member serves as the committee chair. The assistant superintendent and district staff provide administrative support. Committee consists of 16 members, including a student representative and usually meets quarterly or as needed during the school term. Committee works to ensure all district students and staff feel affirmed and valued.

Legislative Committee

(Board Member Chair, 2 Voting Elected Board Members, & Superintendent, Administrator)

Three elected school board members serve as voting representatives on the committee. The committee consists of 10 members, including a student representative and usually meets as needed prior to and through the legislative session. Committee drafts yearly legislative priorities for the full-board's consideration and approval; board and administrative members will sometimes lobby legislators; and committee members may attend the legislative session in Juneau, as needed.

Parent Engagement Committee

(Board Member Chair & Public Relations Director, Administrator)

One elected board member serves as the committee chair. The public relations director and staff provide administrative support. Committee consists of 16 members, including a student representative and usually meets quarterly or as needed during the school term. Committee provides input on issues affecting parents and makes recommendations to the board.

Policy Committee

(Board Member Chair & Executive Director of Human Resources, Administrator)

One elected board member serves as the committee chair. The human resources director and staff provide administrative support. Committee consists of 17 members, including a student representative and usually meets quarterly or as needed during the school term. Committee provides input on upcoming policy revisions as warranted and makes recommendations to the board.

Borough Assembly Liaison

(Elected Board Members Rotate)

Elected board members attend borough assembly meetings on a rotating basis throughout the entire calendar year. Regular Borough Assembly Meetings usually take place on the second and fourth Thursdays of each month (...only one meeting in Nov. and Dec.) either by Zoom or in the Mona Lisa Drexler Assembly Chambers, Juanita Helms Borough Administrative Building, 907 Terminal Drive, Fairbanks.

Ad Hoc Advisory Committees

(Membership Determined as Needed)

The board may appoint ad hoc advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the school district and its residents. Members will be broadly representative of the community. The common purpose of all ad hoc advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside with the school board.