

## **ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

### **I. PURPOSE**

The School Board encourages the participation of citizens in advisory committees; however, the legal responsibility for decision making in all matters of policy and operation rests with the Board.

### **II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY**

The School 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. The central purpose of all advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the decision making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside in the powers and duties of the School Board as imposed by law.

### **III. ORGANIZATION AND MEMBERSHIP**

- A. Such committees will be formed by the School Board at such times and for such specific purposes as the School Board deems necessary. They will function until their assigned goal has been accomplished, and then will be dissolved. Generally, citizens advisory committees will be assigned to investigate areas of educational programs, which need development, change, or reorganization, and areas of community involvement in district affairs.
- B. Recognizing the contributions to be made by staff members in the deliberations of citizens advisory groups, the School Board may authorize participation of school personnel in various ad hoc advisory committees. In such cases, the superintendent will recommend the staff member or members to serve on the committee.
- C. Members will be broadly representative of the staff and community's population and chosen from among those who have shown an interest in the topic to be studied and who express a sincere interest in the advancement of public education.
- D. The School Board will provide citizens advisory committees with a suitable meeting place and administrative assistance.

### **IV. REPORTING TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND COMMUNITY**

Once activated, the committee will report periodically to the School Board, keeping it informed of progress and problems. The School Board may designate the intervals at which it will hear from the committee, but any significant developments will be reported as they occur. No announcement may be made by any committee or its members to the public or press until such release has been cleared with the School Board president or designee.

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