

Board of Education
School Advocacy Committee Charter
As of January 2024

Purpose

The purpose of the School Advocacy Committee is to educate the Olentangy community about issues facing the district regarding state funding, and to advocate for the Olentangy student and taxpayer at local, state, and federal levels.

Per Board policy 0155, "Committees of Board members shall, when specifically charged to do so by the Board, conduct studies, make recommendations to the Board, and act in an advisory capacity, but shall not take action on behalf of the Board."

Membership

The committee should include two Board members and a chairperson appointed by the Board at the organizational meeting. The remaining membership is open to anyone with an interest in advocating on behalf of the district.

Per Board policy 0155, "The President shall appoint at the organizational meeting members of the Board to standing committees where they shall serve a term of one (1) year."

Authority

The appointed committee members have the collective authority to advocate on behalf of the district publicly and privately to secure or maintain fair school funding for the district. The appointed committee members also have the authority to develop and enact strategies to engage the community-at-large in such advocacy efforts.

Responsibilities

- Stay informed about funding policy initiatives that may impact the district.
- Develop action plans to clearly represent district interests regarding fair school funding.
- Engage residents of the district in advocacy efforts.
- Host candidate forums and state budget forums when appropriate.

Meetings

The committee will meet as needed. Meetings will typically occur at 6:30PM on the announced day. The committee may select alternate dates and times as needed.

Per Board policy 0155, "Whenever a majority of a committee and/or sub-committee meets for any pre-arranged discussion of public business of that committee or sub-committee, it shall abide by the Sunshine Law (R.C. 121.22). The law requires that the committee or sub-committee give public notice of each meeting as well as prepare, file, and maintain minutes of the proceedings. Such minutes shall also be available for inspection by the public."

