MERCHANTVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION 130 South Centre Street Merchantville, New Jersey 08109	File Code: 1200 Adopted: 4/11/78 Revised: 11/26/13 Reviewed: 03/18/2024

Participation By The Public

The board encourages volunteers and/or residents of the community who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics to take an active part in school affairs. Such persons may be invited to act as advisers both as group and individually in:

A. Clarifying the general ideas and attitudes held by our residents regarding school;

B. Determining the purposes of courses of study and special services to be provided for pupils; evaluating the extent to which these purposes are being achieved by present practices;

C. Giving active assistance to the professional staff in the actual operation of classes and services where the chief school administrator and staff deem such aid valuable;

D. Offering suggestions on a specific problem or set of closely related problems about which the board must make a decision;

E. Coordinating the delivery of social services to students.

Volunteers carrying out prescribed functions under the supervision of designated professional staff members shall be covered by the board's liability insurance policy. Community volunteers who will be in contact with pupils on a regular basis must pass the required tuberculosis screening.

The chief school administrator shall supervise development of programs and procedures to enlist community participation in school events and deliberations. He/she shall keep on file information on all volunteers and documentation that requirements of law have been fulfilled.

The board, chief school administrator, and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice which they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the school, especially those individuals and groups which have been invited or created to advise the regarding selected problems. The board, chief school administrator, and staff shall use their own best judgment in arriving at decisions.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A.	18A: 11-1	General mandatory .powers and duties
N.J.S.A.	18A:40-16	Tuberculosis infection; determination of presence
N.J.S.A.	l8:A:54-20	Powers of board(county vocational schools) .
N.J.A.C.	6:8-2.1	Reporting Regulations
N.J.A.C.	6A:24-2.1 et seq.	School management teams

Manual for the Evaluation of Local School Districts (September 2002)

Possible Cross References:

*1000/1100	Concepts of roles in community relations; goals and objectives
*1120	Board of education meetings
1210	Community organizations
*1220	Ad hoc advisory committees
*5020	Role of parents/guardians
*6162.4	Community resources

* Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual