

The Board will rely on various 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 Board as imposed by law.

**Citizen's Advisory Committees:** Such committees shall be formed by the Board at such times and for such purposes as the Board deems necessary. They shall function until their assigned goal has been accomplished and shall then be dissolved. Generally, citizen's advisory committees shall be assigned to investigate areas of the educational program that need development, change, or reorganization and areas of community involvement in district affairs. Members shall be broadly representative of the community's population and chosen from among residents who have shown an interest in the topic to be studied and who express a sincere interest in the advancement of public education. Once activated, the committee shall report periodically to the Board, keeping it informed of progress and problems. The Board may designate the intervals at which it will hear from the committee, but any significant developments shall 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 board president or his/her designee. The Board shall provide citizen's advisory committees with a suitable meeting place and other required facilities.

**Staff Advisory Committee:** Recognizing the unique contribution to be made by staff members to its deliberations, the Board shall provide for participation of professional personnel in a district-wide advisory committee to the Board as warranted. Composition of this committee shall include professional employees, representative of administrative, supervisory, and instructional staffs in the district and may be developed in consultation with organized faculty groups.

**Student Advisory Committee:** Student concerns in policy areas shall be conveyed to the Board through a student advisory committee, which will be the student councils' elected annually by the students in grades six (6) through eight (8) and grades nine (9) through twelve (12). The committee shall make its presentations to the Board after consultation with its faculty advisor.

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