

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD

The Board may appoint ad hoc advisory committees to counsel it as one way to determine the needs and expectations 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 policy will continue to reside with the Board.

Specific topics for study or activity are assigned in writing to each committee immediately following its appointment. Committees are instructed as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the services the Board wishes rendered, the resources the Board intends to provide and the approximate date on which the Board expects to dissolve the committee.

Each committee serves in an advisory capacity only, proposing recommendations based on analysis of a problem, and exists only as long as is necessary to conduct the study and report to the Board.

The Board gives careful consideration to all recommendations, although final action and responsibility remain with the Board. The Superintendent or his/her designee informs members of the committee of the Board's action.

Upon completing its assignment, each committee is either dissolved promptly or given a new task. Committees are not allowed to continue for prolonged periods without definite assignments. The Board has sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and reserves the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee, after seeking the advice of the Superintendent.

All appointments to advisory committees are made by the Superintendent with the approval of the Board.

The Sunshine Law and its exceptions apply to Board meetings and Board-appointed committee and subcommittee meetings, including meetings of advisory committees to the Board.

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