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ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board may 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 School Board as imposed by law.

Specific topics for study or well-defined areas of activity shall be assigned in writing to each committee. Upon completing its assignment, each committee either shall be given new problems or shall be dissolved promptly but shall not be allowed to continue for prolonged periods without a definite assignment. Each committee shall be instructed as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the service the School Board wishes it to render, the resources the School Board intends to provide, the approximate dates on which the School Board wishes it to submit reports, and the approximate date on which the School Board wishes to dissolve the committee. Furthermore, the committee shall be instructed as to the relationship it has to the School Board, to individual School Board members, to the School Board member(s) assigned to provide liaison, and to the Superintendent, the committee assistant, and the remainder of the professional staff.

The School Board shall have sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and shall reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

The School Board shall seek the advice of the Superintendent before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.

All appointments of citizens to advisory committees for the School Board shall be made by the chairperson at any regular or special meeting with the consent of a majority of the membership present.

The School Board shall see that the public is made aware of the services rendered by such committees of citizens as it may appoint and shall see that the public is informed of the major conclusions and recommendations made by such committees. All public announcements concerning the organization, membership, operation, recommendations, and dissolution of such committees shall be made at such time and in such manner as the School Board may choose.

The chairperson serves as *ex officio* member of all advisory committees.