
BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board may delegate specific powers and duties to committees that are established by the Board, subject to the restrictions on delegation in the School Act. As much as possible, the Board's business of governance will be conducted by the full Board of Trustees. The Board may establish committees of the Board when necessary to assist it with governance functions. Committees of the Board shall not interfere with delegation of authority from the Board to the Superintendent.

Guidelines

1. The Board may appoint Standing Committees and Ad Hoc Committees and shall prescribe their terms of reference, powers and duties.
2. A committee shall have no authority to spend or commit any resources of the school District other than those specifically identified in the terms of reference.
3. Committees shall hold meetings in private, unless otherwise decided by the Board.
4. The Board Chair shall act as an ex-officio non-voting member of all committees.
5. The Chair of a Board committee shall be appointed by the Board.
6. A committee of the Board may not speak or act for the Board except when formally delegated such authority for specific and/or time-limited purposes. Such authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Superintendent.
7. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff.
8. If a Board committee is used to monitor organizational performance in a given area, the same committee must not have helped the Board create policy in that area. The Board retains responsibility and authority to monitor organizational performance.
9. A committee of the Board shall not be created by the Board to advise the Superintendent.
10. Committees of the Board will normally provide alternatives, and the implications of those alternatives, for the Board's consideration.
11. Committee members shall not exceed two (2) trustees.

Standing Committees

Standing committees are established to assist the Board with work of an ongoing or recurring nature. Standing committees are usually appointed annually at the Organizational Meeting. The appointed member shall serve on the committee unless she/he is unable to perform the duties assigned or until replaced by a subsequent appointment.

Names committees: Committee of the Whole

Ad Hoc Committees

The Board may establish an Ad Hoc committee for a specific purpose and timeframe. The term of appointment shall end upon completion of the designated purpose or function, or at the Board's discretion. Membership and Terms of Reference for Ad Hoc committees will be approved by the Board at the time of formation.

Legal Reference: Section 60, 61, 62, 63, 70, 113 School Act