

School Board

Committees

The School Board may establish committees to assist with the Board's governance function, and, in some situations, to comply with State law requirements. These committees are known as Board committees and report directly to the Board. Committee members may include both Board members and non-Board members depending on the committee's purpose. Overall, the Board operates as a "Committee of the Whole" whereby issues requiring the involvement of Board members are presented to the entire Board of Education. Should the Board determine it necessary to establish specific Board committees; the Board President will make all Board committee appointments unless specifically stated otherwise. Notice of Board committee meetings shall comply with the Open Meetings Act. A Board committee may not take final action on behalf of the Board – it may only make recommendations to the Board.

Special Board Committees

A special committee may be created for specific purposes or to investigate special issues. A special committee is automatically dissolved after presenting its final report to the Board or at the Board's discretion.

Standing Board Committees

A standing committee is created for an indefinite term although its members will fluctuate. Required standing committees are:

Communications Committee

A joint Board, Association, and Administrative committee designed to:

- 1) serve as a vehicle to gather, discuss, and respond to building and District concerns and/or commendations that emerge at the employee level, are non-contractual in nature, and which have been introduced but not resolved through normal communication channels;
- 2) monitor the implementation of the contract; and
- 3) to communicate with another about the issues which face the District.

The membership and operating procedures for this committee are defined by the negotiated agreement.

Insurance Committee

A joint Board, Association, and Administrative committee designed to use an Interest-Based Bargaining model to review service, costs, and benefits of the insurance program and to recommend changes to the Association and the Board. The membership and operating procedures for this committee are defined by the negotiated agreement.

Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee

This committee assists in the development of student discipline policy and procedure and provides information and recommendations to the Board. Its members are parents/guardians and teachers, and may include persons whose expertise or experience is needed. The committee reviews such issues as:

- 1) administering medication in the schools,
- 2) reciprocal reporting between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students,
- 3) student discipline,
- 4) disruptive classroom behavior,
- 5) school bus safety procedures, and
- 6) the dissemination of student conduct information.

Behavioral Interventions Committee

This committee develops and monitors procedures for using behavioral interventions in accordance with Board policy 7:230, Misconduct by Students with Disabilities, and provides information and recommendations to the Board.

At the Board President's discretion, the Parent-Teacher Advisory Committee shall perform the duties assigned to the Behavioral Interventions Committee.

Superintendent Committees

The Superintendent creates Superintendent Committees as deemed necessary and makes all appointments. Superintendent committees report to the Superintendent. No more than two Board members may serve on any committee at the request of the Board President and/or Superintendent. Superintendent Committees may include but not be limited to the following:

Policy Committee

This committee researches policy issues, and provides information and recommendations to the Board.

Finance Committee

A finance committee will assist annually the Superintendent in projecting revenues and expenditures for the forthcoming year. The committee will develop levy scenarios and financial strategies to produce a balanced budget. They will monitor and influence legislative decisions to enhance school funding.

Facilities Committee

A facilities committee will review annual facility needs assessments, develop a long-range plan to address facility needs, recommend annual facility priorities and ensure life safety requirements are met.

Nothing in this policy limits the authority of the Superintendent or designee to create and use committees that report to him or her or to other staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

5 ILCS 120/1 et seq.
105 ILCS 5/10-20.14, 5/14-8.05. and 10/1 et seq.
23 Ill. Admin. Code §226.115 and §226.350 et seq.

CROSS REF.: 2:110 (Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers),
2:200 (Types of School Board Meetings),
2:240 (Board Policy Development),
7:190 (Student Discipline),
7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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