

## ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD

- 1.0 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.
- 2.0 Citizens' Advisory Committee: Such committees shall be formed by the board at such times and for specific purposes as the board deems necessary. They shall function until their assigned goal has been accomplished, and then shall be dissolved. Generally, citizens' advisory committees shall be assigned to investigate areas of the educational program which 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 designee. The board shall provide citizens' advisory committees with a suitable meeting place and other required facilities.
- 3.0 Consistent with the recommendations of the National School Boards Association the following principles shall guide the board in its establishment of advisory committees:
  - 3.1 Citizen groups should be broadly representative
  - 3.2 Recommendations should be based on research and facts
  - 3.3 Recommendation should be submitted to school boards which alone have the authority to act upon them.

Reference: NSBA Delegate Assembly, 1968

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