

North Wasco County School District 21

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Board Committees

In an ongoing effort to increase communication with the public and to provide for community involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees which include community members to consider matters of districtwide importance.

The Board may appoint special committees of citizens, staff and/or Board members for specific purposes to serve until their assignment is completed. This can include the entire Board meeting as a committee-of-the-whole; standing sub committees; ad hoc committees and advisory committees.

Committee assignments for standing sub committees will be made at the Board's organizational meeting.

Except as specifically provided by the Board, advisory committees will cease to function when their reports have been received by the Board or when the purposes for which they were established have been accomplished.

General Guidance

Committee recommendations will be made directly to the Board. Recommendations from such committees will be given careful consideration by the Board, but such recommendations will not relieve the Board of its legal responsibility to make final decisions about such matters. Committee recommendations and reports will become an official part of Board minutes.

All meetings of Board committees shall follow all public meeting laws. The press may attend and report proceedings. Visitors shall sit apart from the committee members and shall speak only when invited to do so by the committee chair. Committee meetings may be called by the Board chair or the committee chair.

The composition of committees to the Board will be broadly representative and will take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. The process for the appointment of community members to an advisory committee will be determined by the Board. When requested and approved by the Board, appointment of staff members, when appropriate, will be made by the superintendent.

The Board may be represented on lay and professional committees that serve the Board in an advisory capacity, with specific Board members appointed by the chair, but normally such Board members will function as ex-officio members of the committees.

The Board will adopt guidelines for each committee as appropriate, which will include, but not be limited to, the following:

1. The committee's written charge which shall include, but not be limited to, a statement of purpose and responsibility;

2. The resources the Board will provide;
3. The length of time the committee is asked to serve and the approximate date(s) on which the Board wishes to receive a committee report(s).

Educational Equity Advisory Committee^{1,2}

The duties of the district's educational equity advisory committee shall include:

1. Advising the Board about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions;
2. Advising the superintendent about the educational equity impacts of policy decisions; and
3. Informing the Board and superintendent when a situation arises in a district school that negatively impacts underrepresented students and advising the Board and superintendent on how best to handle that situation.

The educational equity advisory committee may prepare an annual report that:

1. Contains the following information:
 - a. The successes and challenges the district has experienced in meeting the educational equity needs of students in the district;
 - b. Recommendations the committee made to the Board and superintendent, and the actions that were taken in response to those recommendation; and
 - c. Any other information required by the State Board of Education.
2. Is made available by being:
 - a. Distributed to parents of district students;
 - b. Posted on the district's website;
 - c. Presented to the Board in at a board meeting with adequate opportunity for public comment; and
 - d. Sent to the State Board of Education.

The educational equity advisory committee shall be appointed by the Board and superintendent and must be composed of parents, employees, students and community members from the district. For the purposes of selecting members, the Board and superintendent:

1. Shall solicit name of possible members from the community;
2. Must ensure that membership is primarily representative of underserved student groups;

¹ District with ADM over 10,000 must convene an educational equity advisory committee no later than September 15, 2022. Districts with ADM of 10,000 or under are not required to convene an educational equity advisory committee until September 15, 2025.

² Additional information on the formation, membership and responsibility of the committee can be found in OAR 581-022-2307.

3. May not exclude members based on immigration status; and
4. Must comply with any other requirements established by the State Board of Education.
5. A member of the educational equity advisory committee will also serve on the school district budget committee.³

Committee of the Whole

The Board meets as one body for the purpose of conducting work sessions to provide its members with opportunities for planning and thoughtful discussion. This is a non-voting meeting.

Standing Subcommittees

This Board-directed committee exists in perpetuity to advise the Board on important governance matters. These are long term committees which assist the Board in doing policy work efficiently and effectively; provides opportunity to conduct more thorough research and consideration of information prior to decision making; provides an opportunity to dialog with invited staff and community members on specific topics as directed by the Board. A staff member will be assigned to support the committee.

Ad Hoc Committees

This Board member only committee exists for a specific project, and is of limited duration. It is used to research and report on recommendations on a narrow set of issues/topics. This committee may interface with district staff but will not typically interface with the public.

Advisory Committees

These advisory committees act as a sounding board for community opinion and provide an opportunity to gain community wide understanding and support on matters of districtwide importance and make recommendations to the Board. The Board appoints this committee but is not a member of this committee. Board members shall act as a resource consultant and/or as an observer and do not speak on behalf of the Board.

Liaison to Nondistrict and District Committees

Individual Board members are assigned as a representative of the Board to another external body, group, organization or other entity. Board members may be asked to attend internal administrative/operational meetings as an observer to gain individual understanding of operations and systems. Board members shall act as resource consultant and/or observer. They do not speak on behalf of the Board.

END OF POLICY

³ The district is not required to add an educational equity advisory committee member to the budget committee until there is a non-school board member vacancy on the budget committee.

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192](#).610 - 192.690

[ORS 332](#).045

[ORS 332](#).105

Cross Reference(s):

BCF - Advisory Committees to the Board