

Discussion of Board Committee Structure

Purpose

To present the Board of Education with an initial informational framework to discuss the potential establishment of two standing board committees, consisting of a Finance, Building & Grounds Committee and an Academic Success Committee, as identified through recent policy review sessions.

Background and Information

During our ongoing governance and policy review sessions, the administration and board have begun initial conversations regarding whether a more structured committee framework could benefit the district. While the board has not yet determined its preference or level of interest in pursuing this approach, exploring a committee structure offers a way to dive deeper into specialized topics and vet complex operational or instructional items prior to full board review.

Under a potential framework, these committees would serve in an advisory capacity to make recommendations directly to the full Board. To enhance community engagement, the committees could also offer participation slots for individuals from outside the Board of Education.

Key Provisions

- The board will review and discuss the potential creation of a Finance, Building & Grounds Committee to examine fiscal strategy, facility maintenance, and capital projects.
- The board will review and discuss the potential creation of an Academic Success Committee to evaluate curriculum alignment, student achievement data, and educational programs.
- Both committees would function strictly in an advisory capacity, conducting deep-dive reviews and bringing formal recommendations back to the full Board of Education.
- Committee composition could incorporate board members alongside open slots for community and stakeholder representation.
- The concept emerged directly from ongoing policy review discussions aimed at evaluating long-range governance options.

Administrative Recommendation

This report is provided for informational and discussion purposes to allow the Board of Education to have an initial conversation regarding committee structures, explore potential advantages, and determine whether any further steps are desired.