

Board of Education

ACTION

TITLE: Consider Replacement of Committee of the Whole Meetings with Work Sessions and Discontinue Use of Standing Committees

DATE: November 10, 2017

RESPONSIBLE ADMINISTRATOR: Doug Brubaker, Ph.D.
Superintendent

BACKGROUND/CONSIDERATIONS:

For a number of years, the Board has met as a Committee of the Whole roughly once per month, typically on a Monday one or more weeks prior to its regular meetings on the fourth Monday of the month. During Committee of the Whole meetings, the Board has discussed individual agenda items and made recommendations to the Board for further action at regular meetings. At regular meetings, agenda items that have come as recommendations from the Committee of the Whole have not required a second prior to taking a vote.

This operating procedure stems from a time when committees made up of three Board members met to discuss agenda items that could later be submitted as agenda items for committee meetings. With Board and officer elections complete, the Board has an opportunity to modify the structure of its meetings to promote transparency, align more closely with its operations, simplify its procedures, and facilitate the efficient flow of information. The following changes have been proposed:

- Rename “Committee Meetings” as “Work Sessions.”
- Discontinue use of standing committees
- Replace the “Committee of the Whole” section of the regular Board meeting agenda with a “Work Session” section within the Consent Agenda for items that have been discussed during the work session.

RECOMMENDATION:

The administration recommends approval of the changes described above. If the Board agrees with the recommendation, the motion would read:

Move to discontinue use of standing committees and approve replacement of committee of the whole meetings with work sessions as described within the agenda.