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2505 Board Committees

A. General

1. The Board may establish standing, advisory, and ad hoc committees as it deems necessary and advisable.
2. The Board determines a committee's membership, chairperson, purpose, duties, and authority. The Board may delegate authority to the President to determine a committee's membership and chairperson.
3. A committee's membership must include at least 1 Board member.
4. A committee must be composed of fewer Board members than would constitute a quorum of the Board.
5. The Superintendent or designee may serve as an ex officio member of any committee.

B. The Board establishes two standing committees, the Advocacy Committee and the Policy Committee.

1. The Advocacy Committee shall promote appropriate board engagement in advocacy activities and engage the community to identify areas where they may wish to advocate for issues that would serve to advance the educational opportunities of Okemos students.
2. The Policy Committee shall be responsible for the creation, amendment, and review of policy drafts prior to consideration by the entire board. Policy shall be adapted in accordance with Board Policy 1301.

C. Committee Meetings

1. Committee meetings will be convened by the committee's chairperson or designee.
2. When applicable, committee meetings must be held in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Policy 2501, and, if applicable, Policy 2501A. Any committee that is authorized to deliberate, narrow options, eliminate options, or otherwise make decisions on the Board's behalf must conduct its meetings in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Policy 2501, and, if applicable, Policy 2501A, including notice requirements, recording minutes, and allowing for public participation.
3. Meeting notices as required by the Open Meetings Act, Policy 2501, and, if applicable, Policy 2501A, will be posted for any committee meeting at which more than a quorum of the Board may be present.

4. When required by the Open Meetings Act, a committee will keep minutes of its meetings. In addition, the Board may direct that a committee keep minutes of its meetings, even if not required by the Open Meetings Act.

D. Committee of the Whole Meetings

The Board may meet as a committee of the whole. A committee of the whole meeting must be conducted in compliance with the Open Meetings Act, Policy 2501, and, if applicable, Policy 2501A. The provisions of this Policy do not otherwise apply to committee of the whole meetings.

Legal authority: MCL 15.261 et seq.; *Schmiedicke v Clare Sch Bd*, 228 Mich App 259 (1998)

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