

# Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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## Advisory Committees to the Board

In an ongoing effort to increase communication with the public and to provide for ~~community~~<sup>citizen</sup> involvement, the Board may appoint advisory committees which include community members to consider matters of districtwide importance. ~~The Board shall have no permanent or standing advisory committees other than those required by statute.~~

Recommendations of 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.

All meetings of advisory committees shall follow the Public Meetings Law. ~~be considered open meetings and 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.

The composition of advisory 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~~<sup>Appointment</sup> of staff members, when appropriate, will be made by the superintendent.

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 the committee report(s).

Except as specifically provided by the Board, ~~citizen~~ 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.

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.

*{This following section is recommended for immediate adoption for districts with more than 10,000 ADM. For districts with an ADM of 10,000 or less, this is recommended for adoption prior to September 15, 2025.}*

## **Educational Equity Advisory Committee<sup>12</sup>**

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;
3. May not exclude members based on immigration status; and
4. Must comply with any other requirements established by the State Board of Education.

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<sup>1</sup> 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.

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

A member of the educational equity advisory committee will also serve on the school district budget committee.<sup>3</sup>

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 192.610](#)  
[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 294.414](#)  
[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 329.711](#)  
[ORS 332.107](#)

OR. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OR. ATT'Y GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACT RULES MANUAL.

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<sup>3</sup> 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.