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Charge for the Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring (CLAIM)

Overview

District 97's ability to provide an excellent and fiscally healthy school system is affected by legislation, policies and regulations at the county, state and federal levels, including:

- Tax cap legislation
- General State Aid Formula
- Funded and unfunded mandates
- Evaluation, compensation and retention/dismissal of staff
- Property tax collection, appeals and refunds
- Adequate Yearly Progress (No Child Left Behind)

The Board of Education formed the Committee for Legislative Action, Intervention and Monitoring (CLAIM) to study these issues, determine their impact on the district and identify ways the district can take an active role in the decisions being made at each level.

Purpose

CLAIM will provide the Board of Education with information about legislation, policies and regulations that impact the activities of the district, and offer recommendations about ways the district can participate in the decision-making process at the county, state and federal levels.

Charge

CLAIM will:

- Study the legislation, policies and regulations being undertaken at the county, state and federal levels.
- Provide the board with information about the impact or potential impact county, state or federal legislative issues will have on the district; and offer recommendations about the position it believes the board should take or activities it should undertake on these issues.
- Work with the board to strengthen relationships with lobbying groups, such as ED-RED and IASB, as well as Oak Park's legislative delegation.
- Identify organizations that align with the district's legislative agenda and help the board develop partnerships with them if and when appropriate.

Authority

CLAIM shall be a standing committee of the Board of Education.

Composition

CLAIM will consist of two board members, two members of the district's administration, and 13 to 17 board-appointed community members who possess relevant experience and knowledge. The board will ensure that the community members' participation on the committee will not create a conflict of interest.

One of the community members will serve as chair of the committee. For the first two-year term, the board will appoint the chair after which the committee will select its chair. Board and community members will serve on CLAIM for a two-year term with a maximum limit of four terms. CLAIM will meet at least quarterly.

Open Meetings

All CLAIM meetings will be subject to the Illinois Open Meetings Act.