

2026 School Board Committees

Standing Committees

Finance Committee: The Finance Committee meets monthly to review the budget, district finances, and ensure referendum dollars are being used as promised. Membership includes three School Board members (including Board Treasurer), Superintendent, and the Director of Finance and Operations.

Legislative/Government Committee: This committee meets monthly and is tasked with advocating for legislators on behalf of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. Members also participate in SEE and MREA meetings as their schedules permit. Membership currently includes three School Board members and the Superintendent.

Long-Range Facilities Committee: This Committee meets monthly to review building and maintenance projects, including progress being made and whether the projects are on schedule and within the budget parameters. They review bid schedules, city partnerships, and long-term facility maintenance projects across the district. Membership includes three School Board members, the Superintendent, Director of Finance and Operations, Director of Community Education, and Building and Grounds Director.

Meet & Confer Committee: Meet and Confer occurs three times per year per statute and is a time for union representatives and the school board to discuss policies and other matters relating to employment, which are not terms and conditions of employment. Membership currently includes two School Board members, the Superintendent, and the Director of HR & Admin Services.

Policy Committee: The Policy Committee meets monthly to review current and proposed Cambridge-Isanti Schools policies. Membership includes three School Board members, the Superintendent, Director of HR & Admin Services, and the Director of Teaching & Learning (as needed).

Negotiating Committee (Certified & Non-Certified): Board members participate in negotiations for both certified and non-certified groups.

Superintendent Evaluation Committee: The Cambridge-Isanti School Board completes an annual evaluation for the Superintendent. The evaluation focuses on superintendent competencies and the completion of goals negotiated between the Superintendent and the School Board. A committee of the Board meets annually to review goal progress and report their findings to the entire Board.

Representative Committees

Citizen Finance Advisory: This will be a new group of community members who come together 2-3 times per year to learn about and understand our district financial position, budgets, and school funding. We would like those who serve on the School Board Finance Committee to also attend these meetings as Board representatives.

Community Engagement Council: Formerly known as the Communications Advisory Committee, this newly expanded group will continue to help guide the direction of district communications while also serving in a broader advisory role. The Community Engagement Council will bring together community members to provide insight and input on communications, engagement strategies, marketing efforts, and community feedback.

Community Education Advisory Council: The Community Education Advisory Council meets monthly on the first Monday of the month and is composed of members of the Community Education Department, local governments, community members, and one school board member.

CTE Advisory Group: The Cambridge-Isanti Schools' Career and Technical Advisory Group is led by Katie Soler, who oversees the CTE program at Cambridge-Isanti High School. The Advisory Group helps provide insight and guidance on our district's Career and Technical programs and typically meets twice per year.

Dollars for Scholars: Dollars for Scholars is a community group that seeks to provide scholarships for students of Cambridge-Isanti Schools. The group meets at the Education Services Center on the third Wednesday of the month at 4:00 PM. One school board member represents the school board.

ECMECC Representative: Cambridge-Isanti Schools is a member (and fiscal host) of the East Central Minnesota Educational Cable Cooperative (ECMECC). Since our district is a member of the cooperative, a school board member is provided the opportunity to represent the interests of our district at bi-annual meetings. Most meetings occur in the evenings.

Minnesota State High School League Representative: As Cambridge-Isanti Schools is a member of the Minnesota State High School League, we are required to designate two representatives who are authorized to vote for the member school at all district, region and section meetings and on mail ballots where member schools are called upon to vote, such as district meetings, region meetings, and mail ballots. Meetings occur sporadically, and are not necessarily at the same time each month and/or quarter.

Schools Advocating for Fair Funding: As Cambridge-Isanti Schools is a member of the Schools Advocating for Fair Funding organization, we are provided the opportunity for board members to participate in SAFF meetings and events. SAFF works "to ensure that all public-school children have equal access to a high-quality education regardless of where they live in Minnesota." Up to three board members can participate in SAFF events and meetings.

Strategic Planning: When the district is undergoing a strategic plan, two members of the board will sit on the strategic planning committee. Meeting times and time commitments will vary.

Teaching & Learning Advisory: Cambridge-Isanti Schools' Teaching and Learning Advisory group meets three times per year and includes one board member.