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TO: Board of Education
FROM: John R. Langton, Interim Superintendent
DATE: May 12, 2025
RE: First Reading of Policy 2:150

BACKGROUND

Board of Education Policy 2:240 guides the process for reviewing current Board Policies and updating them, as necessary, and conducting a first and second reading of policies for the Board of Education's consideration. The Superintendent is responsible for managing this process.

SUMMARY.

I recommend that we only require Board member attendance on three Standing Committees, including Policy; Finance, and Facilities. The remaining District Committees may have Board members participate, but are not required to have a Board member representative. This revised Board Policy 2:150 aligns with this recommendation.

If the Board approves the First reading of the revised Policy 2:150, I will place this on the Consent Agenda for the Second Reading, and approval for the June 9, 2025 regular Board of Education meeting.

RECOMMENDATION(S)

I recommend approval of the [First Reading of the revised Board Policy 2:150](#), as presented.

BOARD OF EDUCATION

2:150 Committees

The Board of Education may establish committees to assist with the Board's governance function and, in some situations, to comply with State law requirements. These committees are known as Board committees and report directly to the Board. Committee members may include both Board members and non-Board members depending on the committee's purpose. The Board President makes all Board committee appointments unless specifically stated otherwise. Board committee meetings shall comply with the Open Meetings Act. A Board committee may not take final action on behalf of the Board - it may only make recommendations to the Board.

Special Board Committees

A special committee may be created for specific purposes or to investigate special issues. A special committee is automatically dissolved after presenting its final report to the Board or at the Board's discretion.

Standing Board Committees

~~A standing committee is created for an indefinite term although its members will fluctuate. Standing committees are:~~

- ~~1. Board Policy Committee. This committee researches policy issues, and provides information and recommendations to the Board.~~
- ~~2. District Advisory Committee. This committee assists in the development of student behavior policy and procedure, and provides information and recommendations to the Board. Its members are parents/guardians and teachers, and may include persons whose expertise or experience is needed. The committee reviews such issues as administering medication in the schools, reciprocal reporting between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students, student discipline, disruptive classroom behavior, school bus safety procedures, and the dissemination of student conduct information.~~
- ~~3. Behavioral Interventions Committee. This committee develops and monitors procedures for using behavioral interventions in accordance with Board policy 7:230, *Misconduct by Students with Disabilities*, and provides information and recommendations to the Board. At the Board President's discretion, the Parent Teacher Advisory Committee shall perform the duties assigned to the Behavioral Interventions Committee.~~
- ~~4. Finance Committee~~
- ~~5. Facilities Committee~~
- ~~6. Technology Committee~~

Standing Board of Education Committees

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- ~~1. Board Policy Committee. This committee researches policy issues, and provides information and recommendations to the Board.~~
- ~~2. Finance Committee. This committee reviews the school district budget, employee salary considerations, and monitors investments.~~
- ~~3. Facilities Committee. This committee reviews the maintenance, capital improvements of, and usage of the school district's facilities.~~

School District Committees

A school district committee is created for an indefinite term although its members will fluctuate. District committees may include, but are not limited to:

1. Curriculum Committees.
2. Technology Committee.
3. Student Handbook Committee. In accordance with Board [Policy 7:190](#), this committee assists in the development of student behavior policy and procedure, and provides information and recommendations to the Board. Its members are parents/guardians and teachers, and may include persons whose expertise or experience is needed. The committee reviews such issues as administering medication in the schools, reciprocal reporting between the School District and local law enforcement agencies regarding criminal offenses committed by students, student discipline, disruptive classroom behavior, school bus safety procedures, and the dissemination of student conduct information.
4. Behavioral Interventions Committee. This committee develops and monitors procedures for using behavioral interventions in accordance with Board [Policy 7:230](#), *Misconduct by Students with Disabilities*, and provides information and recommendations to the Board.

Nothing in this policy limits the authority of the Superintendent or designee to create and use committees that report to him or her or to other staff members.

LEGAL REF.:

[5 ILCS 120/](#), Open Meetings Act.

[105 ILCS 5/10-20.14](#) and [5/14-8.05](#).

CROSS REF.: 2:110 (Qualifications, Term, and Duties of Board Officers), 2:200 (Types of Board of Education Meetings), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

ADOPTED: ~~June 10, 2024~~ June 9, 2025

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