# **GOVERNING BOARD**

# 2:150 Committees

The Governing Board 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. Parent-Teacher 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 two Board members serving on the Policy Committee (unless the Board specifically appoints other members), and the Board may appoint one or more parents, teacher leaders and/or administrators to the committee. The committee reviews such issues as administering medication in the schools, reciprocal reporting between the NTDSE 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.
- Behavioral Interventions Committee. This committee, coordinated by the Superintendent of NTDSE, includes two Board members serving on the Policy Committee (unless the Board specifically appoints other members), and the Superintendent may in consultation with the Board appoint one or more parents, teacher leaders and/or administrators to the committee. Committee reports and recommendations are made to the Board upon its request.
- 4. Negotiations Committee. The Negotiations Committee negotiates collective bargaining agreements within guidelines and parameters set by the Board, including but not limited to collective bargaining agreements with the Niles Township Federation of Special Education Teachers and the Niles Township

Federation of Special Education Paraprofessionals. Proposed collective bargaining agreements are presented to the Board with recommendations for final action. Similarly, the Committee has negotiating authority over mid-term and impact bargaining. On an as-needed basis, the Board may direct the Committee to monitor or assist in the negotiation of contracts with administrators and other professional staff. Members of the committee include two Board members serving on the Finance/Facility Committee (unless the Board specifically appoints other members), and the Board may appoint one additional Board member as well as one or more administrators.

5. Finances/Facilities Committee.

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 Governing Board Meetings), 2:240 (Board Policy Development), 7:190 (Student Behavior), 7:230 (Misconduct by Students with Disabilities)

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