

### **CITIZENS' ADVISORY COMMITTEES AND TASK FORCES**

The superintendent and/or board may appoint a citizens' advisory committee or task force as necessary to gather public input and/or establish interaction with the community about selected issues. The committee shall study school matters and submit their findings and recommendations to the superintendent and/or board. This committee shall be formed by authorization of the board. Such authorization shall include a description of the responsibilities and reporting relationships and shall specify the duration of the committee's existence.

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### Citizens' Advisory Committee

The following guidelines have been prepared to assist a citizens' advisory committee or task force:

- A. A specific charge or assignment shall be made to the committee.
- B. The board shall appoint a committee member based upon the person's interest and the board's judgment of the individual's potential contribution to the accomplishment of the committee's task.
- C. The committee shall be advisory only. The board does not and, under the law cannot, relinquish its decision-making responsibilities.
- D. The committee shall make periodic progress reports to the board; such interim reports as well as the committee's final findings and recommendations shall become matters of public record by virtue of their presentation to the board in a public board meeting.
- E. Minority recommendations, as well as those of the majority, shall be welcomed by the board.
- F. The duration of the committee shall be indicated when it is established. The board may authorize the committee to continue its work beyond the original termination date.
- G. Staff consultants and other resource assistance shall be made available. The committee may elect to request advice or opinions from others as well, including representative citizens.
- H. Committee meeting guidelines are as follows:
  - 1. The frequency of meetings, meeting times, meeting places and the nature of the meeting announcements shall normally be determined by the committee.
  - 2. The committee may invite public attendance if it feels such attendance shall facilitate the accomplishment of its goals.
  - 3. The committee shall develop meeting procedures to assist in the orderly pursuit of its task.
- I. Expenses of the committee may be allowed if authorized in advance.
- J. Appointment of the committee chair shall be the prerogative of the board.
- K. By agreeing to serve on the committee, a person indicates his/her willingness to comply with the board's guidelines for a citizens' advisory committee/task force and with specific guidelines and procedures developed for the committee.