

Board Policy Committee

Rationale for Existence

Policy development which advances student success and achievement is accepted as the primary function of school boards at both the state and national level.

Governance by policy development is recognized as a viable structure for effective board operation.

The educational program delivery process is enhanced by an engaged board and community.

Initiatives should be accentuated which promote board member understanding of their roles and responsibilities in the educational process.

Committee Duties

To accentuate the advancement of student success and achievement by a standing committee process of policy review, research and development.

Committee recommendations are expected to reflect a consideration of a broad base of prevailing and progressive external and internal resources.

The committee will endeavor to assure that existing and proposed policy initiatives are in compliance with current state and federal law.

The committee shall also identify and maintain applicable resources, which will guide existing and prospective board members to a better understanding of their roles and responsibilities.

Limitations of Standing Committees

Standing school board committees are advisory in nature and cannot act for the board. Standing committees are subject to provisions of the Wisconsin open meetings law. All members of standing committees shall be provided with the provisions of the open meetings law.

Committee Appointments

The board president shall each year within two months of assuming office appoint membership to standing committees subject to majority board approval. The board policy committee may include up to three members of the board, a member of the community, up to two members of the instructional staff, a representative from the Ho-Chunk Nation, and the district administrator. It is preferred that at least one of the board members appointed to the committee shall have

served one or more years on the board of education. The appointed committee chair shall be a board member. Committee applicants shall be appropriately requested from board, administration and community. The Board may also recruit potential applicants. The Board president may interview committee candidates if deemed necessary and appropriate.

Committee Meetings

The standing committee on board policy development shall meet on a monthly basis. Meeting dates, times and duration shall be at the discretion of the committee. Agendas and minutes from the committee meeting will be shared with the full Board. The committee chair shall schedule all meetings with and provide agendas to the Board president and district administrator to assure proper public notification. School facilities will be made available for meetings.

Only committee members may vote on recommendations to the Board. The committee chair shall establish a recording process to assure a record of committee activity. A monthly written report shall be made available to the Board.

Policy initiatives forwarded to the Board by the standing committee on board policy development shall be addressed within sixty days.

Media Communications

Official committee news releases shall be cleared with the Board president and/or district administrator.

LEGAL REF.: Section 19.84 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REF.: 171.1 Public Notification of Board Meetings

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