## **Advisory Committees**

Residents of the district shall be encouraged to take an active part in school affairs. Those who are especially qualified because of training, experience, or personal characteristics, may be invited to act as advisors individually and in groups when, in the opinion of the Board or administration, such participation would be beneficial to the district.

In other instances, citizens will be asked to fill out a formal committee application which will be reviewed by the appropriate district staff person. A letter accompanying the application will explain the following to potential applicants: the goals and objectives of that particular committee; and the method and timeline in selecting committee members.

The Board and the staff shall give substantial weight to the advice they receive from individuals and community groups interested in the schools, especially those individuals and groups they have invited or created to advise them regarding selected issues. However, the ultimate responsibility for a final decision remains with the Board.

The Board shall review the by-laws of all advisory committees at the time of the committee's formation. Any changes to the by-laws must be submitted to the Board for approval. By-laws and charters for all advisory committees will be reviewed by the Board on an annual basis. Advisory committees may be dismissed after the completion of a study or be continued at the discretion of the Board.

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