

Citizen Advisory Committees

The Governing Board recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable both citizens and educators to better understand the beliefs, attitudes and opinions held by school and community members.

As the need arises, the Board may establish citizen advisory committees to consider District problems, needs and issues. Advisory committees shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity and shall not act as policy-making bodies. The Board shall have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and may exercise this power at any time.

Committee members shall represent a cross section of qualified people throughout the district, except in those cases where a committee is established to address the needs of a particular segment of the school community. With Board approval, the Superintendent or designee may appoint committee members.

The Board shall be provided with an annual update on the status of all committees of the district. All advisory committee information shall be kept in a central location. The Office of the Associate Superintendent, Educational Services is the responsible office for finalization of the Advisory Committees, preparation of the annual report, and the central location for information in this regard.

Advisory committee members are not vicariously liable for injuries caused by the act or omission of the district. (Government Code 820.9)

Citizen advisory committees created by Board action shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct these meetings in accordance with the Brown Act.

Administrative Advisory Committees

The Superintendent or designee may create citizen advisory committees to advise the administration; such committees do not report to the Board and are not subject to open meeting laws.

The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board when such committees are established and shall describe their charges, size, term of office, and membership. The Superintendent or designee shall inform the Board of the persons appointed to such committees and any changes in committee membership or charge.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide the Board with a final report of each committee's accomplishments and shall provide summary reports and appraisals of administrative advisory committees as requested by the Board.

Expenses, Travel, Reimbursement

The Governing Board may allocate funds for the use of advisory committees. Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may

reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

When funds for travel to conferences are limited, district employees shall be given preference and shall report to the committee on conference meetings attended.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35172 Promotional activities

44032 Travel expense payment

44033 Automobile allowances

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act

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