



Policy: 3.08

SUBJECT: BOARD COMMITTEES

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1.0 Policy

The Board will, from time to time, establish such standing committees and special committees as it deems appropriate. The chair of each committee will be appointed by the president.

The Board standing committees will have five members with the exception of the human resources committee on which all members of the Board of Education will serve. Each member of the Board must serve on at least one Board standing committee. The Board will have the following standing committees:

1. Human Resources and Policy
2. Finance, Budget, and Title I (non-community related funds), and Legislative Affairs
3. Facilities, Equipment, Real Property, and Information Technology as it Relates to Infrastructure
4. Ad Hoc Committee on Board Goal Development
5. Academic Achievement, Curriculum Development, and Information Technology (Related to Curriculum,), Parent and Community Involvement, Title I (Parent Involvement Fund), Safety, and Student Code of Conduct and Expulsion
6. Audit
7. African Center Sub-Committee (ACE)
8. Readmissions Sub-Committee
9. Ad Hoc Committee on Superintendent Evaluation

The members of standing and special committees will be appointed by the president of the Board subject to the concurrence of each individual so appointed.

The Board president will be an ex-officio member of each standing and special committee.

Committee of the Whole

The Board may meet as a committee of the whole to deliberate and to prepare recommendations for the Board from time to time as it may deem desirable. Each member of the Board, other than the president, will serve at least a one-month term as chair of the committee each fiscal year.

Committee Meetings

All meetings of Board committees will be open to the public except as otherwise provided by law. The personnel committee or whatever Board committee deals with personnel matters may meet in closed session as the law permits.

Committee meetings will be held as called by the chair. All Board members will be notified of committee meetings.

Note: If a quorum of the Board is present at a committee meeting, whether or not all members present are members of the particular committee, the meeting must comply with the requirements of the Open Meetings Act. However, a Board committee may meet in private for reasons specified in the act (see the cross reference).

Committee Procedures

Committee and liaison appointments will be made by the Board president annually at a regular meeting in January or as early in the year as possible.

The General Superintendent will name a staff liaison for each Board committee, who will facilitate the committee's work, providing for announcement of meetings, minutes, collection and distribution of needed materials and reports, etc.

Insofar as possible, the meetings of committees will be announced for the benefit of Board members and the public at the preceding regular meeting of the Board.

BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board of Education has official representation on the following interorganizational groups:

- Council of Great City Schools
- Board of Commissioners, Detroit Public Library
- Michigan Association of School Boards
- Wayne County Association of School Boards
- Wayne County Intermediate School District

Wayne County Tax Allocation Board
Criminal Justice Systems Coordinating Council
Federal Relations Legislative Committee (NSBA)
Advisory Committee for Teacher Center
New Detroit Public Schools
Skillman

Attachments to Policy 3.08: None

Legal References: MCLA § 15.261 *et seq.* (Open Meetings Act)
 OAG 6057 (received 1982)

Labor Contract References: None