

A. STANDING COMMITTEES

The board will organize standing committees for the purpose of conducting thorough deliberations and investigations of issues and informing and recommending action to the board as appropriate. A standing committee may only make recommendations to the board and has no authority to act on behalf of the board unless specifically authorized by law, board policy, or the board.

Standing committees of the board are: EPS Committee, Finance Committee, Human Resource Committee and Operations Committee.

The chairperson of each standing committee and the members of that committee will be named annually by the chairperson of the board. The assignment of individual board members to these committees will be published each year. The chairperson of the board will be an ex-officio member of each committee and a voting member of any committee when necessary to obtain a quorum.

B. AD HOC COMMITTEES

As time and situations demand, ad hoc committees may be appointed by the chairperson with the approval of the board. Ad hoc committees have no final authority and are subordinate and advisory to the board.

C. COMMITTEE MEETINGS

Committee meetings may be called at the discretion of the committee chairperson or at the request of a majority of the members of the committee. The committee chairperson, with the assistance of the superintendent or designee, will establish an agenda for each committee meeting. The agenda will include any item suggested by the superintendent, a committee member, or a board member.

At committee meetings, a majority of the members of the committee will constitute a quorum. The committee chairperson will preside at all committee meetings and be responsible for reporting to the board on the activities of the committee. The superintendent or designee shall assist the committee chairperson in ensuring that information is available to the committee during its deliberation of issues.

All committees of the board are public bodies within the meaning of the North Carolina Open Meetings Law and are subject to all requirements of that law pertaining to notice, closed sessions, minutes, voting, and penalties (see policy 2320, Compliance with the Open Meetings Law).

D. PUBLIC COMMENT AT COMMITTEE MEETINGS

The board recognizes the value of hearing public views on educational issues and recognizes that board committee meetings can provide a forum for dialogue prior to a committee recommendation to the full board. Committees wishing to encourage public expression at a meeting will follow the same process for public comment as followed for meetings of the full board. All board members will be informed of committee meetings that will feature public comment.

Legal References: G.S. 115C-36; 143-318.9 *et seq.*

Cross References: Public Participation at Board Meetings (policy 2310), Compliance with the Open Meetings Law (policy 2320), Closed Sessions (policy 2321)

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