School board committees will be used to support the work of the school board and to reinforce the wholeness of the school board’s responsibilities, never to interfere with the delegation of authority from the school board to the superintendent. A committee is a board committee only if its existence and the charge are defined by state statute or result from formal action by the board.

Accordingly:

1. Board committees are to assist the board in meeting its roles and responsibilities, not to direct or advise staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the school board by recommending program or policy alternatives and implications for school board consideration.

2. Board committees may not speak or act for the board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Committee expectations and authority will be clearly stated by the board.

3. Any direction to the superintendent related to a committee recommendation must come from the full board.

4. All board committee meetings are open to the public with meeting times and locations posted.

5. Opportunities to serve on board committees shall be broadly communicated with the goal that membership will be representative of the community.

6. From time to time, the board may establish a temporary task force to complete specific and time limited work on behalf of the board.