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Board Policy: BCE Board Committees/Advisory Committees to the Board

The Board shall act as a committee-of-the-whole on all matters pertaining to the business and educational policies of the district. The Board may appoint standing committees; however, no individual member or group comprised of less than the full membership of the Board shall exercise the powers of the full Board unless otherwise authorized by law and Board policy.

With the approval or at the direction of the Board, the president of the Board may appoint temporary ad hoc and/or special lay committees to assist the Board.

Committees must follow the instructions given to them by the Board and may be terminated at any time by a majority vote of the membership of the Board. If the committee is required by state or federal law, its composition and appointment shall meet all guidelines established for that purpose. Committees shall be advised of the:

1. Purpose to be served.
2. Length of time each member is being asked to serve.
3. Resources the Board will provide.
4. Date a report should be made to the Board or superintendent.

Final authority in the decision-making process will reside with the Board.

Any committee appointed by or at the direction of the Board and that is authorized to report to the Board or any advisory committee appointed by or at the direction of the Board for the specific purpose of recommending directly to the Board or the superintendent any policies, policy revisions or expenditure of public funds, will follow the Missouri Open Meetings and Records Act. The custodian of records will maintain a list of all such committees.

Committee Recommendations to the Board

When the Board of Education votes to refer an agenda item to any standing, ad hoc, or special committee appointed by the board, the following conditions must be met:

1. The recommendation must be transmitted to the Board in writing or via a presentation with an explanation of the committee's recommendation.
2. A recorded vote must be taken.