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Advisory Committees to the School Committee

Advisory committees may be appointed by the School Committee on specific topics. The following general policies will govern the appointment and functioning of advisory committees to the School Committee other than the student advisory committee, which is governed by the terms of the Massachusetts General Laws.

1. Advisory committees may be created by the School Committee to serve as task forces for special purposes or to provide continuing consultation in a particular area of activity.
2. If an advisory committee is required by state or federal law, its composition and appointment will meet all the guidelines established for that particular type of committee.
3. The composition of task forces and any other advisory committees will be broadly representative and take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee by the School Committee. Members of the professional staff may be appointed to the committee as members or consultants, as found desirable.
4. Appointments to such committees will be made by the School Committee; appointment of staff members to such committees will be made by the School Committee upon recommendation of the Superintendent.
5. Tenure of committee members will be one year only unless the member is reappointed. Upon appointment, each advisory committee shall be charged in writing as to:
 1. The topic to be addressed;
 2. the scope of service intended;
 3. the resources which will be provided; and
 4. the expected completion date
 5. How School Committee policies govern residents, committees and the relationship of these committees to the School Committee as a whole, individual School Committee members, the Superintendent, and other members of the professional staff.

The School Committee possesses certain legal powers and prerogatives that cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of an advisory committee must be submitted to the School Committee. Advisory committees created under this policy are subject to the provisions of the Open Meeting Law. The Committee will have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

LEGAL REFERENCES:

M.G.L. 30A:18-25

CROSSREFERENCES:

CE - Administrative Councils, Cabinets, and Committees

JIB - Student Involvement in Decision-making