

CITIZENS ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The Board of Education recognizes that it can benefit from the talents, resources, and interests available among district residents to assist in developing the programs needed for the maintenance of a quality educational program in the schools of the district. To that end, the Board shall, at its discretion and in accordance with state law and regulation, appoint Citizens Advisory Committees of representative residents of the district to meet with the Board to provide advice and reaction about important matters before the Board which may have special significance for the community.

Each citizens advisory committee organized by the Board shall be appointed and discharged by official Board resolutions. Resolutions appointing such committees shall state specifically the scope of the work of the committee.

Appointments to Citizens Advisory Committee shall be on the basis of interest, experience, expertise and concern. No one shall be appointed as a representative of a specific group or area, unless it is the express purpose of the Board to have all areas of the community represented, in which case the Board will, in consultation with the Superintendent of Schools, appoint representative members of each such group or area. The Board shall make every effort to form a committee that is representative of the entire community.

Any such community advisory committee shall report, in writing, all suggestions and recommendations to the Board, via the Superintendent of Schools, prior to public release of that committee's findings. Final reports shall be delivered to the board, via the Superintendent of Schools for inclusion with the agenda packet associated with the meeting for which the Board will receive such final reports. Committees shall report all suggestions and recommendations to the Board and Superintendent of Schools prior to public release. Final reports shall be delivered to the Board at a meeting scheduled by the Board to receive the report.

The Board may accept, reject, or return committee recommendations for further study. Any action stemming from committee reports is the responsibility of the Board. Publicity, or the release of information, concerning committee findings shall be the responsibility and prerogative of the Board. Advisory committees shall be discontinued upon completion of their assignment(s).

Ref: Education Law §§4402; 4601
8 NYCRR §135.3(2)

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