

**CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Board of Trustees recognizes that citizen advisory committees enable both citizens and educators to better understand the beliefs, attitudes and opinions held by school and community members.

As the need arises, the Board may establish citizen advisory committees or when required by law, to strengthen the effectiveness of district and school operations, enhance student learning and to consider district problems, needs and issues. The purpose of any such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission and goals.

With Board approval, the superintendent or designee may establish advisory committees which shall report to him/her in accordance with law, Board policy, and administrative regulations. Advisory committees shall serve in a strictly advisory capacity; they may make recommendations, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent. The Board shall have the sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees not required by law when the committee has fulfilled its duties and may exercise this power at any time the Board deems it necessary.

Committee members shall represent a cross section of qualified people throughout the district and represent a diversity of viewpoints, except in those cases where a committee is established to address the needs of a particular segment of the school community.

Citizen advisory committees created by Board action shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct these meetings in accordance with the Brown Act. The Superintendent or designee may create citizen advisory committees to advise the administration; such committees do not report to the Board and are not subject to open meeting laws.

Within budget allocations, the Superintendent or designee may approve requests for committee travel and may reimburse committee members for expenses at the same rates and under the same conditions as those provided for district employees.

**LEGAL REFERENCE****EDUCATION CODE**

8070	Career Technical education advisory committee
11503	Parent involvement program
15278-15282	Citizens' oversight committee
15359.3	School Facilities improvement districts
17387-17391	Advisory committees for use of excess school