



CITIZEN ADVISORY GROUPS

POLICY:

The Board may appoint ad hoc advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the school district and its residents. The central purpose of all advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the decision-making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside in the powers and duties of the Board as imposed by law.

Such committees will be formed by the Board at such times and for such specific purposes as the Board deems necessary. They will function until their assigned goal has been accomplished and then will be dissolved. Generally, citizen advisory committees will be assigned to investigate areas of community involvement in district affairs. All meetings of advisory committees shall be considered open meetings.

Once activated, the committee will report periodically to the Board, keeping it informed of progress and problems. The Board may designate the intervals at which it will hear from the committee, but any significant developments will be reported as they occur. No announcement may be made by any committee or its members to the public or press until such release has been cleared with the Board chairperson or designee.

The Board will provide citizen advisory committees with a suitable meeting place and administrative assistance.

Recognizing the contributions to be made by staff members in the deliberations of citizens advisory groups, the Board may authorize participation of school personnel in various ad hoc advisory committees. In such cases, the superintendent will recommend staff member(s) to serve on the committee.

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Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610](#)

[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 294.336](#)

[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

Oregon Attorney General's Public Records and Meetings Manual, pp. 99-100, Department of Justice (2001).