

**ARTICLE: 1.0 GOVERNING BOARD**

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**SECTION 1.15 BOARD ADVISORY COMMITTEES**

The Board of Education recognizes that Board advisory committees enable the Board to better understand the interests, opinions, and concerns of the community. The Board may establish a committee whenever it determines that such a committee would benefit the district by providing diverse viewpoints, specialized knowledge or expertise, or increased efficiency.

The creation of any Board Advisory committee requires the approval of the Board, as follows:

1. A Board member may bring forward an Action Item to the Board describing the rationale for establishing a specific Board Advisory Committee;
2. If approved by the Board, the specified Committee will be presented at a subsequent meeting for the Board's final approval.

Such committees may include members of the Board, members of the community, staff, or other stakeholder groups, or both. The purpose of such committees shall be clearly defined and aligned to the district's vision, mission, and goals.

When establishing a committee, the Board shall determine that committee's name, purpose, goals and duties, any reporting schedule or timeline for completing assigned responsibilities, any stakeholder groups or areas of expertise to be represented on the committee and the length of time that committee members are expected to serve.

Board advisory committees shall act in an advisory capacity only. They are not policy-making bodies, nor may they manage or direct staff. Committees shall inform and make recommendations to the Board, but their actions shall not be binding on the Board or Superintendent.

The Superintendent or designee(s) shall provide committee members with training, information and assistance as necessary to enable them to fulfill the committee's charges. The Superintendent or designee is not a member of the committee and may not vote.

Any committee not required by law may be dissolved when its duties have been completed or whenever the Board deems necessary.

All meetings of committees shall be held as open meetings in compliance with the Ralph M. Brown Act, also known as the Open Meeting Act of the State of California.

The Board shall approve the administrative procedures required to implement this policy and shall approve any amendments thereto.