

POLICY

Board of Education

Bernards Township

File Code: M 9140

CITIZENS' AD-HOC ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The use of citizens' advisory committees is encouraged. Citizen's advisory committees can be particularly useful both in keeping the Board and administration informed with regard to community opinion and in representing the community in the study of specific school problems. The Board, when required by law or when it finds it beneficial, may appoint advisory committees to assist in research projects, long-range studies, program evaluation, and development of policies or educational goals.

The Board is responsible for approving all members of a committee and the method of their selection in consultation with the Chief School Administrator. Such committees shall be representative of the community in relation to tasks delegated to the committee, and may include staff and pupils when appropriate. Staff members shall not constitute a majority of any citizens' advisory committee. The President of the Board shall appoint a chairperson and appoint one or more Board members to serve as ex officio members. No appointee shall represent an organization, geographic area, religious group or any other subdivision of the community in an official capacity, except where appropriate BTEA or PTA members are appointed.

Recommendations from the committee shall not reduce the responsibility of the Board, which shall be free to accept or reject the recommendations as it sees fit. Only the Board has the power to act.

Any publicity concerning the organization, membership operations, findings or recommendations of any committee shall be released only by the Board.

In district initiated advisory committees, the Superintendent shall draft procedures for instructing committees as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the services the Board wishes them to render, the resources the Board intends to provide, and the approximate date on which the Board wishes to dissolve the committee. Furthermore, the committee shall be instructed as to the relationship it has to the Board, to the individual Board members, to the Secretary of the Board, to the Chief School Administrator, and to the rest of the professional staff.

Expenditures of district funds by advisory committees shall be made only upon the approval of the Superintendent.

When the law regulates the formation and activities of an advisory committee, the administration shall cooperate fully in its activities.

LEGAL: N.J.S.A. 10:4-6

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N.J.S.A. 18A:10-6

Short title...

Board meetings public; frequency; hours of commencement; adjournment, etc., for lack of quorum

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N.J.A.C. 6:8-4.3(a)2v Evaluation of elements and standards (community relations)

N.J.A.C. 6:8-8.3(b)1i Procedures for evaluation and certification (planning)

N.J.A.C. 6:8-8.3(b)2iv Procedures for evaluation and certification (community relations)

N.J.A.C. 6.28 Special education

Education Consolidation and Improvement Act of 1981

20 U.S.C.A. 2701 et seq.

34 C.F.R. Parts 200 and 204

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