

## **School Board**

### **Citizens' Advisory Committees**

The Board of Education is charged by state law with the responsibility of providing the best educational program possible to District 204 students. In order to fulfill this responsibility, the Board must be sensitive to the wishes and needs of the community.

To determine these needs and wishes, the Board may enlist citizen groups for assistance and counsel. Such groups will function within the guidelines furnished to them by the Board, and their recommendations will be understood to be advisory only. The Board cannot delegate its legal responsibility and must, therefore, retain authority to make final decisions.

The general goal of advisory committees will be to identify problems, conduct studies, and develop recommendations that will help the Board in its decision making.

Such committees may be established as temporary or permanent and, whenever possible, include a cross section of the school community.

Prior to the first meeting of such citizens' advisory committees, the Board and administration will formulate written guidelines establishing the following:

1. Name of committee
2. Purpose
3. Membership structure and sources
4. Length of member's term
5. Relationship to Board
6. Relationship to Administration
7. Period of existence
8. Nature of report to Board
9. Nature of publicity

Minutes of all meetings will be kept and approved at regular Board meetings.

Final decisions regarding recommendations of the advisory committees rest with the Board.

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