

Board Committee or Liaison Principles

Board committees or liaisons, when used, will be assigned so as to reinforce the wholeness of the Board's job and so as never to interfere with delegation from Board to Superintendent.

Among other interpretations within this policy:

1. Board committees or liaisons are to help the Board do its job, not to help, advise, or exercise authority over administration, faculty or staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the Board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for Board deliberation or by performing specific audit functions. In keeping with the Board's broader focus, Board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.
2. Board committees or liaisons may not speak or act for the Board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Superintendent.
3. Board committees and liaisons may not exercise authority over staff.
4. Board committees, liaisons and members are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole. Therefore, a Board committee or liaison that has helped the Board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor organizational performance on that same subject.
5. Committees and liaisons will be used sparingly and usually in an *ad hoc* capacity except for the District Advisory Accountability Committee.
6. This policy applies to any group or role that is formed by Board action, regardless whether it is called a committee or liaison, and regardless whether the group or role includes one or more Board members. This policy does not apply to committees or liaisons formed under the authority of the Superintendent.

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