

SOMERVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION
Somerville, New Jersey

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Bylaw

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COMMITTEES

In order to use the time, effort and expertise of the members of the board effectively, the board shall operate under a committee system.

Standing Committees General Guidelines

The board may authorize the establishment of such standing committees from among its membership as it finds necessary to study operations in specific areas and to make recommendations for board action. The following rules will govern the appointment and function of such committees:

- A. The committee shall be established through action of the board;
- B. The committee chairperson and members shall be appointed by the board president;
- C. The committee shall be provided with a list of its functions and duties;
- D. The committee may make recommendations for board action, but it may not act for the board;
- E. The board president and superintendent shall be ex officio members of all standing committees;
- F. All standing committees shall be dissolved at the end of the board's year – at the annual organizational meeting. They may be dissolved at any time by a motion of the board.

Authorized Standing Committees

The president shall appoint board members to serve a one-year term on the following board standing committees:

- A. Athletics and Student Activities;
- B. Finance, Security, and Building and Grounds;
- C. Communications;
- D. Technology and Curriculum and Instruction;
- E. Equity and Residency
- F. Policy

Special Committees

Special committees may be created for special assignments. The same rules shall apply to special committees as apply to standing committees, except that they shall be dissolved upon completion of their File Code: 9130

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assignment.

Committee of the Whole

The board reserves the right to meet and work as a committee of the whole in informational, discussion, and exploratory sessions. No official action shall be taken at these meetings, unless so advertised.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 10:46 et seq.

N.J.S.A. 18A:106

Open Public Meetings Act

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

N.J.S.A. 18A:111

General mandatory powers and duties

N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.

School Ethics Act

N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1 et seq.

School Ethics Commission

School Ethics Commission, Advisory Opinion, A01-93

School Ethics Commission, Advisory Opinion, A10-93

School Ethics Commission, Advisory Opinion, A33-95

School Ethics Commission, Advisory Opinion, A02-00

School Ethics Commission, Advisory Opinion, A14-00

Possible

Cross References: *1220 Ad hoc advisory committees

*9121 Election and duties of president

9320 Meetings

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.