

BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

The Board believes that standing committees can be useful to its decision-making process and in the transaction of Board business. The Board may establish such standing committees as it deems necessary to facilitate school unit governance and address ongoing school unit needs. A standing committee has only such authority as specified by the Board.

All standing committees shall comprise less than a majority of the weighted votes of the Board.

Each Board member shall be a member of at least one of the Board standing committees identified in this policy.

All standing committee meetings are considered to be regular Board meetings for purposes of attendance and compensation. Attendance shall be in person unless participation is in accordance with M.R.S.A. § 401 et seq 403-b.

All standing committee meetings are open to the public except as provided by the Maine Freedom of Access Law and the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law. Notice of public standing committee meetings will be posted.

Establishment and Functions of Standing Committees

The following provisions apply to the establishment and functions of standing committees:

- A. All standing committees shall be established by vote of the Board. A motion to establish a standing committee shall state the purpose and responsibilities of the committee (the “charge”) and set the number of members comprising the committee. Standing committees shall include 4 members.
- B. The Board Chair will appoint members to a standing committee from among the membership of the Board. For existing standing committees, appointments will be made at or as soon as practicable after the School Board’s annual organizational meeting. Consideration shall be provided to balanced geographic community representation for standing committee appointments. Members may serve on the same committee for no more than 3 consecutive years, unless an agreed upon extension is approved by the full Board.
- C. The Board Chair may also make appointments to standing committee vacancies on standing committees that occur prior to the Board’s next organizational meeting.
- D. The term of appointment to a standing committee shall be until the next organizational meeting. Each standing committee shall elect its own chair.
- E. The membership of all standing committees shall consist of Board members. The Board Chair and Superintendent shall be ex officio (non-voting) members of all standing committees. Any Board member may attend standing committee meetings, but only appointed members of the committee may vote. Standing committees may request RSU 2 Central Office Directors or school administrators to participate in standing committee meetings by making such requests through the Superintendent.

- F. Except as authorized by law or Board action, a standing committee may research issues and make recommendations for Board action but may not act for the Board.
- G. A standing committee may be abolished at any time by a vote of the Board.
- H. The number of members on a standing committee and/or the responsibilities of a standing committee may be modified at any time by a vote of the Board.

Authorization/Appointment of Standing Committees

The Board shall have the following standing committees:

- Policy
- Budget & Operations

Board representation appointed to specific advisory Board positions (Simmons, CATC, MSMA Delegate, Adult Education, Wellness)

The Board may establish other standing committees it deems necessary in accordance with this policy.

- Negotiations & Personnel – committee members will be appointed during times of negotiations with respective collective bargaining units.

The Board may establish an Advisory committee as needed to explore targeted topics based on a specific need of the RSU. The Advisory committee may act in the scope as designated by the Board in the formation of the Advisory committee.

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. § 401 et seq. 20-A MRSA § 1478

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