

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 MSAD 55 governance and address ongoing MSAD 55 needs. A standing committee has only such authority as specified by the Board. Unlike a board, a standing committee is not itself considered to be a form of assembly, and therefore a quorum is not required to conduct business. All standing committees shall be comprised of less than a majority of the normal Board membership.

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

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.
- B. The Board Chair shall appoint members to a standing committee from among the membership of the Board. The Board Chair may appoint him or herself a voting member of a standing committee. For existing standing committees, appointments shall be made at or as soon as practicable after the Board’s annual organizational meeting.
- C. The Board Chair may also make appointments to fill standing committee vacancies that occur prior to the Board’s next annual organizational meeting.
- D. The term of appointment to a standing committee shall be until the next organizational meeting.
- E. Each standing committee shall elect their chair.
- F. The Board Chair and Superintendent shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees, and be afforded the same rights (except voting) as other members.
- G. Any Board member may attend standing committee meetings, but only appointed members of the committee may vote.
- H. A standing committee may consider, investigate, and research issues in order to make recommendations for Board action, but may not act for the Board, except as authorized by law or Board sanction.
- I. A standing committee may be abolished at any time by a vote of the Board.
- J. 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 Committee – 6 members

Finance Committee – 4 members

Curriculum Committee – 6 members

Construction, Transportation & Safety Committee – 6 members

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

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. § 401 et seq.

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