

**White Mountains Regional School Board Policy**  
**SECTION B: BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS**  
**OPTIONAL**

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**ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD**

The White Mountains Regional School Board may rely on various advisory committees to counsel it as a means of discerning the needs and desires of the White Mountains Regional School District and its residents. The central purpose of all advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that enhance the effectiveness of the decision-making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside with the powers and duties of the Board as imposed by law.

Specific topics for study or well-defined areas of activity shall be assigned in writing to each committee. Upon completing its assignment, each committee either shall be given new problems or shall be dissolved promptly, but shall not be allowed to continue for prolonged periods without a definite assignment. Each committee shall be instructed as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the service the Board wishes it to render, the resources the Board intends to provide, the approximate dates on which the Board wishes it to submit reports, and the approximate date on which the Board wishes to dissolve the committee. Furthermore, the committee shall be instructed as to the relationship it has to the Board, to individual Board members, to the Board member (s) assigned to provide liaison, and to the Superintendent, the committee assistant, and the remainder of the professional staff.

A written report will be expected from every advisory committee at the completion of its assignment. The advisory committee may choose to submit written reports at other times, and may, when necessary, meet with the Board to make a report.

The Board shall have sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and shall reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee. The Board shall seek the advice of the Superintendent before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.

All appointments of Board members to advisory committees for the Board shall be made by the chair. Members appointed by the chair shall not commit the Board to any course of action unless specifically empowered to do so by the Board as a whole.

The School Board shall see that the public is made aware of the services rendered by such committees of citizens as it may appoint and shall see that the public is informed of the major conclusions and recommendations made by such committees. All public announcements concerning the organization, membership, operation, recommendations and dissolution of such committees shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Board may choose.

**Legal Reference:**

*RSA 32:24, Other Committees*

*Appendix: BDF-R*

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