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BOARD COMMITTEES

What is the Purpose of School Board Committee Work?

School Board committees can divide the labor of governing into manageable categories, enabling board members to delve into governing matters in greater detail than is possible at the full board level. As such, board members are better prepared for full board meetings. This ultimately improves the quality of board decision making.

In-depth committee work builds governing expertise among board members, while also strengthening their sense of ownership and commitment. Board decisions that are supported by detailed standing committee work are firmer because of the ownership that is built at the committee level.

No later than the August regular school board meeting, the president of the board will determine which standing committees may be needed. Board members may share their preference for committee assignments, and these requests will be taken into consideration. The president will appoint all members of a committee and designates a chairperson for each committee.

Below is a list of the Board Committees in place in the Andes Central School District and a brief description of the scope of their work:

Athletic Cooperative Committee:

This Committee procedures governing the athletic cooperative program and makes recommendations to the whole Board for changes, deletions, or additions to athletic programs and/or staff.

Building and Grounds Committee:

The Committee reviews the needs and uses of District buildings and grounds, and studies the budgetary impact of improvements. Recommends, with input from administration, long and short terms uses and facility improvement plans that are in the best interest of the community and the District. Equipment needs based upon how best to maintain the facilities (inside and out) will be studied by this committee.

Curriculum, Policy, and Technology Committee:

This Committee reviews matters related to existing or new curriculum and educational programs including online options. Committee members review standardized test and evaluation results of the District. The committee monitors curriculum adoption and implementation cycle in collaboration with administration. The committee members inform and direct the Board's annual approval of learning goals in support of the District's educational mission and guides the Board in periodic assessment of progress toward achievement of these goals.

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The Committee reviews district policies and recommends changes to current policies, addition of new policies and deletion of outdated policies based on changes in law and recommendations from the South Dakota School Boards Association (ASBSD).

Committee members review the district master technology plan (hardware, and software) and develops and reviews policies related to technology to keep them current and relevant. Recommends major technology initiatives and expenditures to the whole Board, as needed.

Finance and Negotiations Committee:

This committee assists in the planning and completion of the District’s financial audits, including the review of audit findings. It prepares recommended plans for whole Board action. In addition the committee reviews and monitors issues related to the school district budget and recommends adjustments and modifications to the school district's budget.

The Committee oversees the negotiation of contracts with district personnel. Establishes and reviews evaluation systems for school department staff and the superintendent.

Indian Education Committee:

The committee person is a non-voting member of the Andes Central Indian Education Committee (IEC). This person shares information between the school board and the IEC.

South Central Cooperative Board Member:

A representative is designated from the Andes Central School Board to serve as a representative to the South Central Cooperative governing board. This person shares information relating to the special education cooperative and acts as a voice for Andes Central during decision making.

Transportation Committee:

The Committee reviews the needs and uses of District vehicles and develops a long range replacement cycle. Committee members review transportation routes and offer suggestions for improvement. The committee members also annually review vehicle logs.

Legal References:

Adopted:

Revised: