

BOARD COMMITTEES

The MSAD #56 Board of Directors shall have the following standing committees, with members appointed for one year by the Chairperson of the Board:

Buildings and Grounds
Personnel
Policy
Transportation

A majority of the committee members shall constitute a quorum.

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.

Standing committees are comprised solely of school board members and must be less than a majority of the Board. Although the superintendent may serve in an ex officio capacity and standing committees may seek input from administrators, staff, and others, only standing committee members may vote or otherwise agree upon recommendations to be made to the full Board.

All standing committees 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 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 Board of Director's annual organizational meeting.
- C. The Board chair shall 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.
- E. Each standing committee shall elect its own chair.
- F. The Board Chair and Superintendent shall be ex officio (non-voting) members of all standing

committees.

- G. Any Board member may attend standing committee meetings, but only appointed members of the committee may vote.
- H. 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.
- 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.

LEGAL REFERENCE: 1 MRSA § 401 et seq.

Current practice codified: 1987

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