



Chittenden Central Supervisory Union

Advisory Committees to the Board Policy B10

The school board may appoint citizen advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the school district and its residents. The central purpose of advisory committees is to contribute to the educational program by conducting studies, identifying problems, and developing recommendations that will enhance the effectiveness of the decision-making process. The ultimate authority to make decisions will continue to reside in the powers and duties of the school board as imposed by law.

Advisory committees will be formed by the school board at such times and for such specific objectives as the school board deems necessary. They will function until their assigned goal has been accomplished and then will be dissolved. Advisory committee members will be representative of the community's population and chosen from among residents who have shown an interest in the topic to be studied and who express sincere interest in the advancement of public education. Committee members will also include school board member(s). Recognizing the contributions to be made by staff members in the deliberations of citizen advisory groups, the school board may authorize participation of school staff. In such cases, the superintendent will recommend the staff member or members to serve on the committee.

Once activated, the advisory committee will report periodically to the school board, keeping it informed of progress and problems. The school board will establish guidelines for the deliberations of the committee. No announcement may be made by any committee or its' members to the public or press without the approval from the superintendent and the school board.

The school board will provide citizens advisory committees with a suitable meeting place. Meetings shall be warned and minutes shall be recorded and made available in accordance with Vermont law.

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