

Todd County School District Policy: BDF

ADVISORY COMMITTEES

The board will, when it deems appropriate, appoint patron committees to counsel and assist the district in planning programs and projects.

The following policies will govern the appointment and functioning of patron committees:

1. The composition of a patron committee will be broadly representative and will take into consideration the specific tasks assigned to the committee. Members of the professional staff may be appointed to such committee as members or consultants, as found desirable.
2. Except when mandated by federal statutes as they apply to categorical programs, all appointments will be made by the board, which may name a community selection committee to make nominations for the purpose of obtaining broader community presentation. The appointment of any staff members to such committees will be made by the board, upon recommendation of the superintendent. Members of patron committees mandated by federal statutes to serve categorical programs shall be appointed by the Board of Education through established procedures required in federal regulations. In the absence of federal requirements or guidelines for appointments, this policy shall apply.
3. Each committee will be clearly instructed as to
 - a. the length of time each member is being asked to serve;
 - b. the service the board wishes the committee to render and the extent and limitations of its responsibility;
 - c. the resources the board will provide;
 - d. the approximate dates on which the board wishes to receive major reports;
 - e. board policies governing patron committees and the relationship of these committees to the board as a whole, to individual board members, to the superintendent, and other members of the professional staff; and
 - f. responsibilities for the release of information to the press.
4. Recommendations of citizens' committees will be based on research and fact.
5. A school board possesses certain legal powers and prerogatives which cannot be delegated or surrendered to others. Therefore, all recommendations of a patron committee must be submitted to the board for official action. Any final

recommendations, findings, or reports that result from a meeting of a committee authorized by the board and appointed by the school board president shall be reported in open meeting to the school board. The school board shall not take any official action on the committee's recommendations, findings, or report until the next meeting of the school board.

District employees shall not serve on the committees for the categorical programs in the individual school which they are employed.

The board will have the power to dissolve any advisory committee and will reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

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