

La Grande School District 1

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Advisory Committees to the Board

The Board may appoint ad hoc advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the 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 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 Board as imposed by law.

The Board will encourage the involvement of citizens, both as individuals and as groups, to act as advisors and resource people to the Board and to the district, where appropriate.

Such committees will be formed by the Board at such times and for such specific purposes as the Board deems necessary. They will function until their assigned goal has been accomplished and then will be dissolved. Generally, citizen advisory committees will be assigned to investigate areas of community involvement in district affairs.

Once activated, the committee will report periodically to the Board, keeping it informed of progress and problems. The Board may designate the intervals at which it will hear from the committee, but any significant developments will be reported as they occur. No announcement may be made by any committee or its members to the public or press until such release has been cleared with the Board chairman or designee.

All meetings of advisory committees shall follow the Public Meetings Law. The press may attend and report proceedings. Visitors shall sit apart from the committee members and shall speak only when invited to do so by the committee chair.

The Board will provide citizens advisory committees with a suitable meeting place and administrative assistance.

Recognizing the contributions to be made by staff members in the deliberations of citizens advisory groups, the Board may authorize participation of school personnel in various ad hoc advisory committees. In such cases, the superintendent will recommend staff member(s) to serve on the committee.

Community members who are appointed by the Board to serve on district committees may be reimbursed for reasonable expenses incurred while in the service of the district. Such legitimate expenses may include lodging, meals, transportation and other legitimate expenses approved by the Board. Mileage for regularly scheduled meetings and strictly personal expenses are not reimbursable.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 192.610](#)
[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 294.414](#)
[ORS 329.704](#)

[ORS 332.107](#)

OR. DEP'T OF JUSTICE, OR. ATT'Y GENERAL'S MODEL PUBLIC CONTRACT RULES MANUAL.