



## Provo City School District Policy Series 1000: Board of Education

Policy No. 1424

### Community Involvement in Education

*Community Resources* The Board recognizes that the public has substantial resources of training and experience that could be useful to schools. The strength of the local District is in large measure determined by the manner and degree to which these resources are utilized in an advisory capacity and to the degree that these resources are involved in supporting the improvement of the local educational program.

The advice of the public will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such contributions, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects the students. The final decision may depart from this advice when in the judgment of the staff and the Board such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board, consistent with current educational practice, or within the reach of the financial resources available.

*Citizen Advisory Committees* The Board, in consultation with the superintendent, may appoint citizen advisory committees as necessary to gather input and/or establish interaction with the community about selected issues. The committee will study district/school topics and submit its findings and/or recommendations to the superintendent and the board.

Citizen Advisory Committees will conform to the following operational processes:

- A. A specific charge or assignment will be made to the committee in writing.
- B. The superintendent and/or board may appoint a committee member based upon the person's interest and the board's judgment of the individual's potential contribution to the accomplishment of the committee's task.
- C. The board may choose to designate a board member to serve as a board representative on the committee.
- D. The committee will be advisory only. The board does not and cannot relinquish its decision-making responsibilities.
- E. The committee will make periodic progress reports to the board; such interim reports as well as the committee's final findings and recommendations will become matters of public record by virtue of their presentation to the board in a public board meeting.
- F. Minority recommendations, as well as those of the majority, will be welcomed by the board.
- G. The duration of the life of the committee will be indicated when it is established. The board may authorize the committee to continue its work beyond the original termination date.
- H. Staff consultants and other resource assistance will be made available. The committee may elect to request advice or opinions from others as well, including representative citizens.
- I. Committee meeting guidelines are as follows:
  - 1) The frequency of meetings, meeting times, meeting places and the nature of

- the meeting announcements will normally be determined by the committee;
- 2) The committee may invite public attendance if it feels such attendance will facilitate the accomplishment of its goals; and
  - 3) The committee will develop meeting procedures to assist in the orderly pursuit of its task.
- J. Expenses of the committee may be allowed if authorized in advance.
- K. Appointment of the committee chair will be the prerogative of the superintendent and/or board.
- L. By agreeing to serve on the committee, a person indicates his/her willingness to comply with the board's guidelines for a citizen advisory committee/task force and with specific guidelines and procedures developed for the committee.

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