

EPHRATA AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: COMMUNITY

TITLE: CITIZEN ADVISORY
COMMITTEES

ADOPTED: December 17, 2007

REVISED: November 21, 2016

905. CITIZEN ADVISORY COMMITTEES	
1. Purpose	<p>The Board recognizes that the schools of the district belong to the citizens of the district and are operated for the youth and citizens of the district by the Board and staff. The Board further recognizes that although its members are elected by citizens of the community to serve the community, the Board exists as a creature of the state legislature and is thereby responsible to the state legislature under law.</p> <p>Citizen advisory committees provide the Board and administration with information in regard to community opinion and represent the community in the study of specific school issues.</p>
2. Authority	<p>The Board shall enlist citizen groups to assist and counsel them, making certain that three (3) principles are followed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Citizen groups should be broadly representative.2. Recommendations should be based on research and facts.3. Recommendations should be submitted to the Board in writing so that they may be considered for action. <p>In creating an advisory committee, the Board shall define the committee assignment and shall:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Appoint residents who are interested and can make some special contribution to the committee's function.2. Approve appointment of residents, staff members and/or students recommended by the Superintendent.3. Seek the widest range of community interest and backgrounds.4. Appoint a Chairperson and recording secretary.

<p>3. Delegation of Responsibility</p>	<p>The Board, being created by the legislature of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, is and must remain the decision-making body relative to the policies established for the operation of the district. Recommendations of advisory committees shall not reduce the responsibility of the Board, which shall be free to accept or reject the recommendations.</p> <p>Meetings of an advisory committee are not regular meetings of the Board and shall not be open to the public.</p> <p>Advisory committees shall be appointed by the Board President and shall serve for the duration of the special project for which they have been designated.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 510</p>
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