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The **Board of Education encourages** success of the school system depends, to a large extent, on open channels of communication between the school **district** community and the community at large. Citizens advisory committees **may be** are particularly useful in keeping the Board of Education and the administration informed with regard to community opinion and in representing the community in the study of specific school problems.

The Board may establish a **citizens** advisory committees as standing committees to serve in a liaison function **to provide input to the Board and the administration from** between the local community and the schools, as permanent committees for funded programs as the law requires, and as the **Board sees fit** need arises.

In creating a new **citizens** advisory committee, the Board **may** shall appoint: members of the community who are able and interested in the subject and concerned about the schools; appoint members who represent a wide range of community interests and backgrounds; appoint a chairperson; and appoint one or more Board members; and **school staff members** to serve as ex officio members. **The Board President or designee and the Superintendent or designee shall serve as members of the citizens advisory committee.**

In charging a new **citizens** advisory committee, the Board shall define the **citizens advisory** committee assignment in writing, set a date for a preliminary and final report(s) **to the Board**, and establish a budget, **if needed**. Expenditures of district funds by a **citizens** advisory committees as standing committees to serve advisory committees shall be made only upon the approval of the **Superintendent**.

Recommendations of an **citizens** advisory committee shall not reduce the responsibility of the Board, which may accept, or reject, **or modify a citizens advisory committee's** recommendation(s) in the exercise of its statutory discretion.

Meetings of an **citizens** advisory committee that are open to or attended by fewer than a majority of the members of the Board are not subject to the Open Public Meetings Act **and need not** be open to the public, except as expressly permitted by the Board.

N.J.A.C. 6:30-1.5; 6:31-1.14(b)
20 U.S.C.A. 3801 et seq.

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