BOARD COMMITTEES

The Board may use standing and ad hoc committees to investigate relevant issues, problems, or needs, and to present findings to the whole Board in the form of additional information or recommendations for Board action.

The Board understands the effectiveness and efficiency of conducting at least some of its business through the operation of standing and ad hoc committees. The availability of desired expertise on given issues through the committee consultative process is valued.

A committee has no other authority except that which it is given in its terms of reference. All its recommendations must be duly ratified or sanctioned by the Board before the Board can be legally bound by them.

1. Standing Committees

Standing Committees are established to assist the Board with work of an on-going or recurring nature.

1.1 The <u>Finance and Facilities Committee</u> is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed below:

1.1.1 Purpose

- To explore in-depth, issues related to finance and facilities matters
- To receive and discuss input from Presidents or designates of stakeholder groups (WVTA, WVMEA, WVDAA, WVDPAC) regarding finance and facilities matters referred to the committee

1.1.2 Powers and Duties

 Make recommendations to the Board regarding finance and facilities matters

1.1.3 Membership

 Two (2) trustees, one of whom will serve as committee Chair (Superintendent and/or designates will attend as resource personnel)

1.1.4 Meetings

- At the call of the Committee Chair, as scheduled by the Board
- Meetings may be public or private

- 1.2 The <u>Human Resources Committee</u> is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed below:
 - 1.2.1 Purpose
 - To explore in-depth, issues related to human resource matters
 - To receive and discuss input from Presidents or designates of stakeholder groups (WVTA, WVMEA, WVAA, WVDPAC) regarding human resource matters referred to the committee
 - 1.2.2 Powers and Duties
 - Make recommendations to the Board regarding human resource matters
 - 1.2.3 Membership
 - Two (2) trustees, one of whom will serve as committee Chair (Superintendent and/or designates will attend as resource personnel)
 - 1.2.4 Meetings
 - At the call of the Committee Chair, as scheduled by the Board
 - Meetings may be public or private

1.3 The <u>Audit Committee</u> is established as a standing committee of the Board, with responsibility for work as detailed below:

1.3.1 Purpose

- Review the audited financial statements of the board
- Oversee the internal financial control structures to ensure district assets are safeguarded and ensure auditor recommendations are implemented and followed through where appropriate
- Independently review results with the external auditor and follow-up on the implementation of the auditor's letter of recommendation

1.3.2 Powers and Duties

- Make recommendations for the approval of the appointment of the auditor
- Recommend approval of the audited financial statements where appropriate

1.3.3 Membership

- Two (2) trustees, one of whom will serve as committee Chair
- One (1) outside member with financial expertise to ensure the Committee has sufficient knowledge, skills and objectivity to effectively carry out the functions of the Committee (to serve a two (2) year term)
- Ex-Officio, non-voting members of the Audit Committee consisting of the Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, Assistant Secretary-Treasurer and Finance Manager.

1.3.4 Meetings

- At the call of the Committee Chair, as scheduled by the Board
- Meetings may be public or private
- Would normally occur in May and September

2. Ad Hoc Committees

Ad hoc committees are established to assist the Board on a specific project for a specific period of time. The terms of reference for each ad hoc committee will be established at the time of formation.

3. Resource Personnel

The Superintendent may appoint resource personnel to work with committees, and shall determine the roles, responsibilities and reporting requirements of the resource personnel.

Legal Reference: Sections 65, 85 School Act