

**PELHAM SCHOOL DISTRICT POLICY**  
**BDF – ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE BOARD**

*Category: Optional*

The Board may rely on various advisory committees to counsel it as one means of discerning the needs and desires of the School 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 with the powers and duties of the Board as imposed by law.

Specific topics for study or well-defined areas of activity shall be assigned in writing to each committee. Upon completing its assignment, each committee either shall be given new problems or shall be dissolved promptly, but shall not be allowed to continue for prolonged periods without a definite assignment. Each committee shall be instructed as to the length of time each member is being asked to serve, the service the Board wishes it to render, the resources the Board intends to provide, the approximate dates on which the Board wishes it to submit reports, and the approximate date on which the Board intends to dissolve the committee. Furthermore, the committee shall be instructed as to the relationship it has with the Board, individual Board members, the Board member liaison(s), the Superintendent, committee assistant, and professional staff as applicable.

The Board shall have sole power to dissolve any of its advisory committees and shall reserve the right to exercise this power at any time during the life of any committee.

The Board shall seek the advice of the Superintendent before establishing or dissolving any advisory committee.

All appointments of citizens to advisory committees to the Board shall be made by the Board.

All appointments of staff members to advisory committees to the Board shall be made by the Superintendent after approval of the Board.

A Board representative or a representative of the SAU or administration shall be selected by the Board to serve as chairperson of any advisory committee.

The School Board will ensure that the public is informed of the services rendered by such advisory committees and the major conclusions and recommendations these committees make. All public announcements concerning the organization, membership, operation, recommendations and dissolution of such committees shall be made at such time and in such manner as the Board may choose.

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**District Policy History:**

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**Legal References:**

*RSA 32:24, Other Committees*