
SUBCOMMITTEES

The function of subcommittees will be to consider actions or issues in detail that would otherwise monopolize the School Committee agenda and provide policy advice for the School Committee's action or consideration as appropriate. Subcommittees will be consultative in nature and will consider such matters as may be referred to them by the School Committee, the Superintendent, or the Finance Director.

1. All standing committees shall be established through action of the School Committee.
2. All standing committee members shall be appointed by the School Committee Chair in accordance to Policy BCA.
3. All standing committees shall be provided with a list of specific functions and duties.
4. The School Committee Chair and Superintendent shall be ex-officio members of all standing committees.
5. All standing committees shall be dissolved at the end of the School Committee's year – at an organizational meeting – unless they are specifically reappointed. They may be dissolved at any time by a vote of the School Committee.
6. All standing committee meetings shall be open to the public, except as provided by the Freedom of Access Law and the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law, Section 1 20-A MRSA subsection 1001, subsection 20. The public may speak only at the discretion of the subcommittee and in a manner consistent with the School Committee's policy and practice concerning public comment.
7. The Policy Committee, in collaboration with the Superintendent/designee, will establish the agenda for each meeting to promote the orderly flow of information and the effective operations of the School Committee.
8. The Policy Committee may make recommendations for School Committee action, but has no authority to bind the full School Committee. Subcommittee findings and recommendations will be reported to the full School Committee in a regular or special meeting of the School Committee. Subcommittee findings shall at all times include the Superintendent's recommendations, as well as reflect the opinions of the subcommittee members in the event the findings are less than unanimous.

Standing Committees:

A Finance Committee, consisting of two members of the Bangor School Committee, is authorized for the sole purpose of signing warrants, following the written approval of the Superintendent of Schools, for the purpose of submission of such warrants to the Bangor City Council for payment. The School Committee Chair shall assign a member or members to the Finance Committee on a rotating basis and shall reassign members to fill vacancies as may be necessary.



A Policy Committee, consisting of one or two members of the Bangor School Committee, is authorized for the purpose of reviewing district policies and proposed policies for the Superintendent (Policy BF), making recommendations concerning action to the School Committee as a whole, and ensuring that the Bangor School Committee policies are consistent and current with all state and federal law. This committee shall serve in a fact-finding, deliberative, and advisory role rather than as a legislative or administrative body. No other standing committees shall be formed.

Ad Hoc Committees: Upon the request of the Bangor School Committee, the Chair shall appoint ad hoc committees consisting of less than a majority of the full membership of the Committee. Such committees shall be for a specific purpose and shall be discharged upon completion of their assignment or by majority vote of the full membership of the Bangor School Committee.

Legal Reference: Section 1 20-A MRSA subsection 1001, subsection 20
 1 M.R.S.A. subsection 401 et seq.

Cross Reference: BCA – Organizational Meeting
 BCE – Subcommittees
 BF – Policy Development

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