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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.



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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

Choose only one of the following:

| but shall

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.~~

~~Cross reference: Policy Guide Nos. 5520, 7440~~

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