

Inventory of Existing Board Committees

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1) Board Committees, or participation by JCBE member(s) in other committees, required by state law:

- Facilities Planning Committee –Required by state regulation (702 KAR 4:180). The Board selects one board member to serve on the committee; Remainder of the required membership is appointed by the Superintendent. RECOMMENDATION: *Ask Superintendent to provide narrative explaining the purpose of this committee and how decisions related to facilities planning are made.*

2) JCBE Member(s) participation required by JCBE policy:

- Student Code-of-Conduct Committee – JCBE policy 09.438 requires that a JCBE member serve on committee with other members from administration, teachers, parents and community-at-large. RECOMMENDATION: *Change board policy to eliminate board participation, so that management is solely accountable for bringing clear recommendations about code-of-conduct to the board for decision.*
- School Calendar Committee – JCBE policy 08.3 requires the Superintendent to annually appoint a committee to recommend a calendar. The committee shall include one member of the Board. RECOMMENDATION: *End board participation on the committee.*

3) Committees for which neither law nor policy requires JCBE member participation:

- Policy Development – JCBE formally approved the formation of this committee in 2007. The committee consists of three board members appointed by the Chair. RECOMMENDATION: *Revisit whether to continue a permanent policy development committee after related working group completes its work.*
- Facilities and Maintenance – JCBE formally approved the formation of this committee in 2007. The committee consists of three board members appointed by the Chair. The Board informally determined to cease this committee. RECOMMENDATION: *Take formal action to cease this committee.*
- Finance – JCBE formally approved the formation of this committee in 2007. The committee consists of three board members appointed by the Chair. The Board informally determined to cease this committee. RECOMMENDATION: *Revisit whether to form Audit, Finance or similar standing committee, to replace current committee-of-the-whole, after Finance working group completes reports.*
- Audit Committee – No longer exists, not addressed in policy. Committee previously formed to review external audit. Currently, entire Board reviews the audit. RECOMMENDATION: *No change from current practice.*

- Wellness – JCBE Policy JI states “The Wellness Committee shall continue to meet quarterly and make reports and recommendations to the Board of Education from time to time.” Federal law requires the school board and stakeholders opportunity to participate in development and review of wellness policy but does not specifically require a committee or individual board member participation on a committee.

RECOMMENDATION: *Review Policy JI and end board participation on the committee.*