

# Mendocino Unified School District

## Bylaws of the Board

### Board Committees

The Governing Board may establish Board committees as necessary. The Board shall determine the duties of the committee at the time of its appointment. Unless specifically authorized by the Board to act on its behalf, Board committees act in an advisory capacity. When its duties have been completed, the committee shall be dissolved.

Board committees shall provide public notice of their meetings and conduct these meetings in accordance with the state open meeting laws.

Meetings of advisory committees or standing committees for which an agenda is posted at least 72 hours in advance of the meeting pursuant to Government Code [54954.2](#), shall be considered, for purposes of the Brown Act, as regular meetings of the Board. (Government Code [54954](#))

Board advisory committees composed **solely** of less than a quorum of the members of the Board are not subject to open meeting laws unless they are standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction or a meeting schedule established by the Board. (Government Code [54952](#))

Standing committees with a continuing subject matter jurisdiction include but are not limited to

#### Legal Reference:

##### EDUCATION CODE

[35010](#) Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

[35024](#) Executive committee

[35160](#) Authority of governing boards

[35160.1](#) Broad authority of school districts

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

[54952](#) Legislative body, definition

[54952.2](#) Definition of meeting

[54954](#) Time and place of regular meetings; special meetings; emergencies

[54954.3](#) Opportunity for public to address legislative body

##### ATTORNEY GENERAL OPINIONS

81 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 156 (1998)

80 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 308 (1997)

79 Ops.Cal.Atty.Gen. 69 (1996)

### Board Bylaw 9130

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those responsible for providing advice on budgets, audits, contracts, and personnel matters at the Board's request.

When a majority of the members of the Board attend an open and noticed meeting of a standing committee, the Board members who are not members of the standing committee shall attend only as observers. (GC 54952.2)

The Superintendent or designee may serve as an advisory to any committee at the discretion of the Board.

Whenever so charged, committees may actively seek input and participation by parents/guardians, staff, community, and students, and may consult with local public boards and agencies.

When a Board committee composed exclusively of Board members has provided for public comment on an item at a public meeting before or during the committee's consideration of the item, the Board is not obliged to provide for public comment on the item at a subsequent Board meeting. Public comment shall be afforded, however, if the Board determines that the item has been substantially changed since it was heard by the committee. (GC 54954.3)

