

RSU #23 SCHOOL BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

The RSU #23 Board believes that standing committees can be useful to its decision-making process and in the transaction of RSU #23 Board business. The RSU #23 Board may establish such standing committees as it deems necessary to facilitate school unit governance and address ongoing school unit needs. A standing committee has only such authority as specified by the RSU #23 Board.

All standing committees shall be comprised of less than a majority of the RSU #23 Board.

All standing committee meetings are open to the public except as provided by the Freedom of Access Law and the Municipal Public Employees Labor Relations Law.

Establishment and Functions of Standing Committees

The following provisions apply to the establishment and functions of standing committees:

- A. All standing committees shall be established by vote of the RSU Board. A motion to establish a standing committee shall state the purpose and responsibilities of the committee (the “charge”) and set the number of members comprising the committee.
- B. The RSU Board Chair will appoint members to a standing committee from among the membership of the RSU Board. For existing standing committees, appointments will be made at or as soon as practicable after the School RSU Board’s annual organizational meeting.
- C. The RSU Board Chair may also make appointments to standing committee vacancies on standing committees that occur prior to the RSU Board’s next organizational meeting.
- D. The term of appointment to a standing committee shall be until the next organizational meeting.
- E. Each standing committee will elect its own chair.
- F. The Superintendent shall be an ex officio (non-voting) member of all standing committees.
- G. Any RSU Board member may attend standing committee meetings, but only appointed members of the committee may vote.

H. Except as authorized by law or RSU #23 Board action, a standing committee may research issues and make recommendations for RSU #23 Board action, but may not act for the RSU #23 Board.

I. A standing committee may be abolished at any time by a vote of the RSU #23 Board.

J. The number of members on a standing committee and/or the responsibilities of a standing committee may be modified at any time by a vote of the RSU #23 Board.

Authorization/Appointment of Standing Committees

The RSU #23 Board shall have the following standing committees:

- Finance
- Policy
- Curriculum
- Facilities
- Adult Education
- Dropout Prevention (meets at least once annually)
- School Calendar (meets at least once annually)
- Negotiations
- Technology

The RSU #23 Board may establish other standing committees it deems necessary in accordance with this policy.

Legal Reference: 1 M.R.S.A. § 401 et seq.

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