

**ARLINGTON PUBLIC SCHOOLS' BOARD OF EDUCATION
COMMITTEE PURPOSE, ASSIGNMENTS, AND OPERATING PROCEDURES
2025**

There are various benefits the board/district will realize as a result of committee work. Committee work enables board members, administrators, and other appropriate personnel to focus on a specific goal, objective, or education issue, and the ability to provide recommendations to the board through informational reports. The investment of time by board members in committee work is purposeful, requires less personal time toward board service, and allows the board member to serve in specific areas of interest and/or expertise.

Committee work is driven by the charge, information, and data supplied by the administration and the staff. The roles of administration and the roles of the board are sustained within committee work. Committees do not have the authority to take formal action. Committees instead, support informed decision-making of the board as a whole.

STANDING COMMITTEE ASSIGNMENTS 2025

Curriculum/American Civics

Board Members:

Shanon Willmott - Chair
Jason Arp
Steve Slykhuis

Buildings and Grounds

Board Members:
Jason Arp -Chair
Steve Slykhuis
Cassie Flesner

Finance

Board Members:
Chase Kratochvil-Chair
Cassie Flesner
Brian Laaker

Negotiations

Board Members:
Chase Kratochvil-Chair
Shanon Willmott
Brian Laaker

Staff Members:

Dawn Lewis
Aaron Pfingsten
Jacque Morgan

Dawn Lewis
Lawrence Reed

Dawn Lewis

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APPOINTED REPRESENTATIVES 2025nas

St. Paul's Lutheran Liaison

Board Members
Brian Laaker
Jason Arp

Staff Member:

Dawn Lewis

COMMITTEE PURPOSE:

- A. The duties of the Curriculum/American Civics shall be those prescribed by law. The committee will assure the Board that, as required by law, American citizenship remains an important part of the District curriculum. The committee shall review any concerns to controversial education materials as stated in Policy #6300 (Review of Instructional Materials) that would be appealed beyond the Superintendent's level. In addition they shall review curriculum proposals and proposed programming changes or additions brought forward by administration.

- B. The Building, Grounds and Transportation Committee shall be responsible for the long-range planning of school facilities, grounds, and transportation. The committee will provide input or review to the superintendent on maintenance and repairs of facilities, grounds, and transportation and provide board input regarding building projects and major repair projects. The committee will have the additional responsibility of making recommendations for boundary changes as they relate to school attendance areas and any

potential changes to the District boundaries. Any recommendations related to transportation policies and procedures will be considered by committee before approval by the Board. The committee shall keep the Board informed of its activities and seek board approval of its recommendations.

- C. The Finance Committee shall be responsible for the review of all district claims and monthly/annual financial statements and shall have the responsibility of overseeing the long-range budget planning of the District. The committee will review the administration's proposed budget and recommend a budget for adoption to the Board.
- D. The Negotiation Committee shall undertake an annual review of the staffing of the schools. The committee shall make recommendations on salary schedule and benefits under consideration to the entire Board prior to the development of the annual district budget. As provided by various board policies and contracts, the committee shall review and make recommendations on negotiations with employees and other personnel grievance and contract matters.

OPERATING PROCEDURES:

- A. Committees will stay focused on the specific purpose of the committee and will follow the line of authority, both of which are outlined in the committee description.
- B. eMeetings will be used for sharing of agendas and documentation (as appropriate) for committee meetings.
- C. Agendas for the committee members will be developed by the superintendent with input by the chairperson.
- D. Minutes for all committee meetings will be prepared by the Superintendent then submitted to the committee members for their review via email. All committee members should execute an email "respond to all" within one week to indicate that they reviewed the minutes and to include any suggested corrections. Failure by a committee member to respond will be an indication of approval. Minutes will include a specific section that captures committee Recommendation for Action.
- E. Chairperson of each committee will provide general review of committee meetings at the monthly board meeting and superintendent will attach minutes to monthly board meeting agenda.