

**BUDGET ADVOCACY AND REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE****STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**

To involve the public in the promotion and review of its annual budget, the Washington County Board of Education has created a Board of Education advisory committee, the Budget Advocacy and Review Advisory Committee (Committee). The Committee shall be comprised of representative educators, parents, businesspersons, and community leaders who are interested in examining, making recommendations, and promoting the budget. The Budget Advocacy and Review Advisory Committee serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Education.

**THE CHARGE TO THE BUDGET ADVOCACY AND REVIEW ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

1. Review the program priorities that the Board of Education establishes each year before they begin the budget process.
2. As needed, request and review presentations (by key administrative staff) that outline the budget needs and budget priorities of the various departments/divisions of the school system.
3. Review the proposed operating budget. Provide an independent, public response to the Board of Education and the Superintendent.
4. Once the Board of County Commissioners finalize the local appropriation, review the Board of Education's final operating budget and provide comment to the Board of Education, if the committee deems necessary.
5. Serve as a liaison to the public to promote the program priorities and the Board of Education's budget proposals.
6. Be available to assist the Board of Education in advocating its budget with the Board of County Commissioners and with the general public.

**MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS**

The members of the Budget Advocacy and Review Advisory Committee shall be appointed by the Board of Education. Membership on the Budget Advocacy and Review Advisory Committee shall be limited to no more than fifteen (15) members of the community. Efforts should be made to appoint to the Committee as voting members, a representative from the County Citizens' Advisory Council. Appointments shall consider appropriate financial, business, or educational background, geographical residency, and community involvement.

The Chief Financial Officer shall serve as an ex-officio non-voting member of the Committee.

**OPERATIONS SPECIFICATIONS**

1. The Committee will report to the Board of Education after adoption of the proposed Board of Education budget and at other times as requested by the Board of Education.
2. The independent response reports to the Board of Education shall focus on the following criteria of budget review, as appropriate:
  - a. Consistency with the current Master Plan.
  - b. Educational soundness.
  - c. Consistency with assessment data.
  - d. Cost effectiveness.
  - e. Balance between systemic and school needs.

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