

1 1130 BOARD OF TRUSTEES

2 Committees

3 Generally, the Trustees will function as a committee of the whole and will not form subcommittees of the
4 Board. Nevertheless, the Board may create Board committees as deemed necessary or useful. All
5 committees created by the Board to serve a clear public and governmental purpose shall comply with the
6 open meeting laws and all other laws applicable to school board meetings.

7 Standing committees of the Board may be created and their purpose defined by a majority of the Board.
8 The Board Chairperson shall appoint trustees to serve on such committees. All standing committees of
9 the Board shall comply with the open meeting laws and all other laws applicable to school board meetings.
10 The decisions of the committee shall come to the full Board as recommendations and shall require
11 approval of a majority of the Board to be implemented.

12 In determining whether any non-Board meeting within the school system should be held in compliance
13 with the Open Meeting Act, the following factors, although not exhaustive or dispositive in nature, should
14 be considered:

- 15 • Frequency of the meetings being held;
- 16 • Whether the committee is deliberating or simply gathering facts;
- 17 • Whether the deliberations concern matter of policy rather than merely ministerial
18 or administrative functions;
- 19 • Whether the committee members have executive authority and experience; and
- 20 • Results of the meeting.

21 Legal Reference:

22 § 2-3-203, MCA Meetings of public agencies and certain associations of public agencies to be open to
23 public - exceptions

24 Bryan v. Yellowstone (2002), 2002 MT 264

25 Crofts v Associated Press (2004), 2004 MT 120

26 Policy History:

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