

Hartford School District MONITORING DOCUMENT

Policy: GP 7 Board Committee Principles Date:  
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With respect to the provisions of its policy GP? Board Committee Principles, I conclude on behalf of the Hartford Board of School Directors that its performance during the previous year has been:

In Compliance	In Substantial Compliance (exceptions noted below)	In Partial Compliance	Not in Compliance
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Specific to the use of committees and the operation of any committees, duly organized by the board:

1. Board committees are to help the board do its job, not to help or advise the staff. Committees ordinarily will assist the board by preparing policy alternatives and implications for board deliberation. In keeping with the board's broader focus, board committees will normally not have direct dealings with current staff operations.	<b>X</b>			
2. Board committees may not speak or act for the board except when formally given such authority for specific and time-limited purposes. Expectations and authority will be carefully stated in order not to conflict with authority delegated to the Superintendent.	<b>X</b>			
3. Board committees cannot exercise authority over staff. Because the Superintendent works for the full board, he or she will not be required to obtain the approval of a board committee before an executive action.	<b>X</b>			
4. Board committees are to avoid over-identification with organizational parts rather than the whole. Therefore, a board committee that has helped the board create policy on some topic will not be used to monitor organizational performance on that same subject.	<b>X</b>			
5. Committees will be used sparingly and ordinarily in an ad hoc capacity.	<b>X</b>			

<p>6. This policy applies to any group that is formed by board action, whether or not it is called a committee and regardless of whether the group includes board members. It does not apply to committees formed under the authority of the Superintendent.</p>	<p><b>X</b></p>	
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**Interpretation:**

As a member of the Hartford School board, charged by the board to produce this monitoring report, I interpret this policy to mean that the use of committees should be limited, for defined purposes, and should not take the assume responsibilities of board members unless specifically authorized by the board. In addition, the board should not form a committee to address a concern or topic which is the responsibility of the Superintendent. It is my opinion that the board adhered to this policy.

**Evidence:**

- Board meeting agendas
- Board meeting minutes
- Board self-assessment forms
- Participation in discussion regarding committees during the year

***If you mark anything other than "In Compliance" Please explain:***