

**BLOOMSBURG AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT
Policy Manual**

Section: COMMUNITY
Title: COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONMAKING
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905. COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT IN DECISIONMAKING

- .1 The Board of School Directors recognizes that the public has vast resources of training and experience useful to schools. The strength of the local school district is in large measure determined by the degree to which these resources are tapped in an advisory way and to the degree that these resources are involved in supporting the improvement of the local educational program.
- .2 The Board shall encourage the involvement of citizens both as individuals and as groups to act as advisors and resource people in the following manner:
 - .21 In the assessment of and the evaluation of the educational program.
 - .22 In those instances where the specific talents of the lay person or persons compliment and extend the instructional services of the classroom teacher.
 - .23 In solving specific problems.
 - .24 In serving as advisory people to curriculum development projects.
- .3 When community involvement is utilized, the Board shall define the assignment and shall:
 - .31 Seek district residents who are interested and can make some special contribution to the committee's function.
 - .32 Appoint the President and the Superintendent as ex officio members of all advisory committees.
- .4 The advice of the public will be given careful consideration. In the evaluation of such contributions, the first concern will be for the educational program as it affects the pupils. The final decision may depart from this advice when in the

judgment of the staff and the Board such advice is not consistent with goals adopted by the Board, current educational practice, or within the reach of the financial resources available.