

Book	School Board Policies
Section	100 Series: Board of Education
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The Cochrane-Fountain City School District Board of Education has consolidated Board committees and will act as a Committee-of-the-Whole in open session, except when state statutes allow meetings to go into closed session. A majority of the Board members may be present at the committee meetings.

The purpose of Committee-of-the-Whole meetings is to serve as a work session, in order to enable input, gather and share information, discuss pertinent and applicable data, and for deliberating possible courses of action to be taken relative to the topic before the Board.

Committee-of-the-Whole meetings will be held monthly and focus on topics or issues of interest of the Board including, but not limited to: finance and budget, curriculum, communication, human resources, and policy.

The Board generally will not take official action on items listed on the Committee-of-the-Whole agenda. Only in situations when timelines and circumstances surrounding the item dictate that a decision on such an item cannot be postponed until the regular Board meeting will the Board list an item for action on the committee of the whole agenda. After hearing and deliberating each agenda item, the Board may take action, either by official motion or by consent-of-the-whole to place the item on a regular Board meeting agenda for action. The Board may request that an item be taken from the Committee-of-the-Whole and assigned to a Board's ad hoc committee for more in-depth discussion and study.

Public notification of Committee-of-the-Whole agendas shall be provided under applicable State Statute and School Board policy. Committee-of-the-Whole meetings are open to the public under the Open Meeting Law.

**Legal References: Wisconsin Statutes**

[Section 19.82](#) [definitions under the open meetings law]

[Section 19.83](#) [public meetings]

[Section 19.84](#) [public notice of meetings] [Section 19.85](#) [exemptions to open meetings]

[Section 19.89](#) [exclusion of board members from meetings]