

Chapter 22 - Public Schools

Article 8 - Public School Finance

Section 22-8-12.3 - Local school board finance subcommittee; audit committee; membership; duties. (2010)

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- A. As used in this section, "local school board" includes the governing authority of a charter school.
- B. Each local school board shall appoint at least two members of the board as a finance subcommittee to assist the board in carrying out its budget and finance duties.
- C. **The finance subcommittee shall:**
 - (1) make recommendations to the local school board in the following areas:
 - (a) financial planning, including reviews of the school district's revenue and expenditure projections;
 - (b) review of financial statements and periodic monitoring of revenues and expenses;
 - (c) annual budget preparation and oversight; and
 - (d) procurement; and
 - (2) serve as an external monitoring committee on budget and other financial matters.
- D. Except as otherwise provided in this section, each local school board shall appoint an **audit committee** that consists of two board members, one volunteer member who is

a parent of a student attending that school district, and one volunteer member who has experience in accounting or financial matters. The superintendent and the school district business manager shall serve as ex-officio members of the committee. A local school board with more than five members may appoint more than two board members to its audit committee. The audit committee shall:

- (1) evaluate the request for proposal for annual financial audit services;
- (2) recommend the selection of the financial auditor;
- (3) attend the entrance and exit conferences for annual and special audits;
- (4) meet with external financial auditors at least monthly after audit fieldwork begins until the conclusion of the audit;
- (5) be accessible to the external financial auditors as requested to facilitate communication with the board and the superintendent;
- (6) track and report progress on the status of the most recent audit findings and advise the local school board on policy changes needed to address audit findings;
- (7) provide other advice and assistance as requested by the local school board; and
- (8) be subject to the same requirements regarding the confidentiality of audit information as those imposed upon the local school board by the Audit Act [12-6-1 through 12-6-14 NMSA 1978] and rules of the state auditor.

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