

**DATE:** November 28, 2023

**TO:** Board of Trustees

**FROM:** Trustee Kusiek, Caucus Committee Chair

**SUBJECT:** Report #02 of the Caucus Committee (From the meeting held on November 7, 2023)

**ORIGINATOR:** Karen Mills, Director Board and Superintendent Relations

**REFERENCE:** [Trustees' Handbook](#) – Caucus Committee - Section 5.4

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#### ISSUE

The Board approved the following recommendation at the March 3, 2015, Board meeting: That Section 5.4 of the Trustees' Handbook be revised to give the Caucus Committee final decision-making power on certain types of matters, and yet constrain that power so it is used only when absolutely necessary.

**The following recommendations were approved at the November 7, 2023, Caucus Committee meeting:**

1. Advocacy Committee Request to Proceed with Request for Information for Consultant

That the Board authorize the Advocacy Committee to conduct a request for information process for an external consultant to assist in the development of a plan to enhance advocacy efforts and relationship building.

#### BACKGROUND

At their 2023 fall planning meeting, Trustees affirmed their commitment to continued advocacy on infrastructure, mental health and funding that matches our growth on behalf of the students and families. When discussing ways to improve advocacy efforts, the idea of hiring an external consultant was brought up.

At the Advocacy Committee follow up meeting on September 29, Trustees agreed that engaging external expertise would have the greatest impact on making advocacy efforts effective and efficient.

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