

1005 – School Board Effectiveness

1. Purpose

- 1.1. Enacted in 1993 and amended in 2003, West Virginia Code § 18-5-14 places school Boards in the position of public education leadership, policy and decision-making. In order to fulfill the requirements of the statute, the Upshur County Board adopts this policy.

2. Responsibility

- 2.1. To enable the Board to receive information, comments, and suggestions directly from Local School Improvement Councils regarding broad guidelines for oversight procedures, standards of accountability, and planning for future needs, the following direct links are established between the Board and its Local School Improvement Councils (LSIC):

2.1.1. Direct Links Between the Board and Local School Improvement Councils

2.1.1.1. Scheduled Annual Meetings

The Board shall meet at least annually with a quorum of members from each Local School Improvement Council. The meetings shall be scheduled as follows: Beginning with the first regular meeting in October, the Board will amend its regular meeting time to include three LSICs in concert with a report of the Faculty Senate. All LSICs will have the opportunity to make a presentation to the Board prior to January 1 in order to facilitate budget consideration of needed projects.

2.1.1.2. Annual Meeting Agenda

At least 30 days before a Local School Improvement Council's annual meeting with the Board, the Board shall develop and submit to the Local School Improvement Council an agenda for the meeting. The agenda shall identify the items which the council chair or the chair's designee is to address at the meeting. The items shall include, but need not be limited to, items designated by the Board from the report created for the State Board. This report is defined as the Annual Report in this policy, as well as school performance, curriculum, status of the school in completing the School Monitoring Report and addressing the identified issues, and status of the school in meeting the county plan.

2.1.1.3. Requests for Information

Throughout the year, the Board may make written requests for information from Local School Improvement Councils or hold community forums to receive input from the affected community as the Board considers necessary.

2.1.1.4. Additional Meetings

At its discretion, the Board may hold additional meetings with any Local School Improvement Council. In particular, the Board may schedule additional meetings with the Local School Improvement Council for any low performing school or with any combination of

school improvement councils, Faculty Senates, and the community at large as deemed appropriate or necessary as a result of issues raised in the required annual meetings.

2.1.2. Annual Report

The Superintendent shall provide a written report and summary of the annual meeting at a regular Board of Education meeting following the annual meeting. The report shall include a summary of the issues addressed, and any proposed actions or suggestions the Board may consider as a result of each meeting. If necessary, the Board may then make future decisions at its regular meetings to address concerns raised at the regular meeting. A copy of the report shall be provided to the chairperson of every Local School Improvement Council involved, and of every Faculty Senate involved, and to any other interested person who may request a copy thereof. In addition, the Superintendent shall provide all reports and information to the West Virginia Board of Education as required by law.

2.1.3. Opportunity for Collaboration

The Board will offer an opportunity for collaboration between LSICs, Faculty Senates, the Board, school administration and the public through a public forum in the fall of each year. The results of this forum will be used to establish county goals for the current and ensuing years.

2.1.4. Direct Links Between the Board and Faculty Senates

To enable the Board to receive information, comments, and suggestions directly from Faculty Senates regarding broad guidelines for oversight procedures, standards of accountability, and planning for future needs, the following direct links are established between the Board and its Faculty Senates:

2.1.4.1. Scheduled Annual Meetings

The Board will meet with the officers of each Faculty Senate at the same regular meeting in which their LSIC is reporting prior to January 1. If additional dialogue is needed or requested, additional meetings will be arranged.

2.1.4.2. Opportunity for Collaboration

The Board will offer an opportunity for collaboration between LSICs, Faculty Senates, the Board, school administration and the public through a public forum of each year. The results of this forum will be used to establish county goals for the current and ensuing years.

2.1.5. Direct Links Between the Board and the Community at Large

The following steps shall be taken to develop direct links between the Board and the community at large, allow for community involvement at regular Board meetings, and regularly communicate with the public regarding important issues:

2.1.5.1. Delegations

The Board will reserve at each regular meeting an opportunity for public delegations. (Refer to Policy 1002 for rules for delegations.)

2.2. Periodic Review of Personnel Policies

2.2.1. Personnel Policy Review

It is the responsibility of the administration to examine West Virginia Code, case law and West Virginia School Board Association research in recommending policy revisions to the Board. As modification and amendments are made to WV state code, the county administration will make the necessary adjustments and present them to the Upshur County School Board for adoption.

2.2.2. Broad Guidelines for the School District

The Board recognizes its responsibility to provide broad guidelines for the school district, including the establishment of specific oversight procedures, development and implementation of standards of accountability, and development of long-range plans to meet future needs.

2.2.3. Existing Policies

The Board confirms that any of its existing policies and resolutions regarding the school district's vision, mission, planning procedures, and goals shall, until withdrawn or amended, be interpreted and applied as specific oversight procedures, standards of accountability, and long-range plans to meet future needs.

2.3. Annual Revision of Goals

Near the beginning of school each year, the Board will meet with the County Administration to set and revise goals based upon State Board of Education Goals and data obtained through school and school system improvement efforts.

2.4. Policy Review

The Board shall at least annually, before August 1, review the provisions of this policy and make such amendments as the Board finds necessary to effectuate the requirements of West Virginia Code § 18-5-14.

2.5. Modifications

If this policy is modified, the Superintendent shall promptly file with the State Board a copy of the policy, as revised.

3. Authority

3.1 West Virginia Code § 18-5-14

4. Adopted: 10/03/95

Revised: 10/14/14; 9/24/13; 2/28/06; 2/17/05; 2/10/04; 9/12/00; 10/12/99; 11/10/98; 11/21/97