

PROMOTE SCHOOL BOARD EFFECTIVENESS

Direct Links between the Board and Local School Improvement Councils

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:

- The board shall meet at least annually with a quorum of members from each county school's LSIC. Meetings will be scheduled as directed by the Board in July of each year.
- At least 30 days before a local school improvement council's annual meeting with the Board, the Board shall develop and submit to the LSIC an agenda identifying the items which the council chair or chair's designee is to address in the meeting.
- 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.
- In its discretion, the Board may hold additional meetings with any local school improvement council, in particular for any low performing school. LSICs may also request meetings with the Board.
- Additional strategies for establishing direct links between the Board and local school improvement councils may include: surveys, forums, designation of a member of the Board to provide or receive communication (such as the designated assignment to attend LSIC meetings), and town meetings.

Direct Links between the Board and Faculty Senates

To enable the Pleasants County Board of Education 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 may include, but are not limited to, the following strategies:

- Board meetings
- Surveys
- Meeting(s) with faculty senate chairpersons
- Annual meeting
- Forums
- Other strategies consistent with the above

Direct Links between the Board and the Community-at-Large

The following steps shall be taken to develop direct links between the Pleasants County Board of Education and the community-at-large by allowing for community involvement at regular board meetings, and by regularly communicating with the public regarding important issues. Regular means of communicating with the public shall include, but are not limited to, the following strategies:

- Board meetings
- Community surveys
- Local news media
- Web-based communications
- Forums
- Meeting(s) with constituent groups
- Town meetings

- Individual Board member communication
- Linkages based on designation
- Other procedures consistent with the above

Broad Guidelines for the School District

The Pleasants County Board of Education 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.

A record shall be kept of all suggestions made under the previous sections by local school improvement councils, faculty senates, and the community at large regarding broad guidelines for oversight procedures, standards of accountability, and planning of future needs. At least annually, the record shall be considered by the Board to identify suggestions worthy of further consideration.

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.

Use of School-Based Accreditation and Performance Data

To meet the education goals of the State of West Virginia and such other goals as the Board may establish, the Board shall use school-based accreditation and performance data provided by the State Board of Education, as well as other available data, in Board decision-making. The Superintendent shall compile and share with the Board, at least annually, the education goals of the State of West Virginia.

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.

Filing with the State Board of Education

The Superintendent shall file with the State Board of Education a copy of this policy.

Modifications

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

References: WV Code 18-5-14

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