

Summers County Board of Education

Scope: This policy is enacted to make known the authority, process and guidelines for naming new or existing schools or school facilities.

Authority: W.Va. Code §§18-5-1 and 18-5-13.

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Amended:

Reviewed: December 9, 2021.

NAMING SCHOOLS AND SCHOOL FACILITIES

It is the responsibility of the Summers County Board of Education (“Board”) to determine the name of schools and school facilities owned by the Board. The Board reserves the right to make the final decision regarding the name of any new or existing school or school facility and/or the commemoration of any existing school or school facility by means of a plaque or by naming the facility after a person.

All suggestions regarding the naming, commemoration, or re-naming of any new or existing school or school facility must:

1. be in writing;
2. state the name of the person or group making the suggestion; and
3. state the reasons supporting the suggestion.

New Schools and New School Facilities

The Board will solicit and accept input from the public regarding the names of new schools and new school facilities.

The Board may create a committee to make recommendations to the Board on the naming of any new school or new school facility. If the School Board creates a committee to make recommendations to the Board, the Superintendent will appoint the committee and its chairperson.

When naming any new school or new school facility, the following criteria should be considered:

1. The proposed name should be appropriate.
2. The name should stand the test of time.
3. Special consideration should be given to names that will have some special meaning to the students and community served by the new school or new school facility.

Existing Schools and School Facilities

From time-to-time, the Board may wish to commemorate an existing school or school facility by means of a plaque or by naming the facility after a person. Such commemoration shall be reserved only for those individuals who have made a significant contribution to the enhancement of education in general or to the school district in particular or to the well-being of the county, community, state or nation, as determined by the Board.

In the event an employee of the Board is to be honored by commemoration of a school or school facility, the employee must be deceased or no longer employed by the Board prior to the selection of the employee's name therefor.

Renaming Schools and School Facilities

The Board may rename a school or school facility upon a determination that it is appropriate to do so. The procedure for renaming a school or school facility will be the same as the procedure outlined above.