

Board-School Superintendent Relations

1.0 Purpose:

The Wirt County Board of Education and Superintendent have no greater responsibility than establishing good working relationships. Failure to meet this responsibility results in disruption of the education program of the district and poor community attitudes about the schools. Unless harmony based upon mutual trust and understanding exist, a good educational program cannot be developed and the children of the county become the losers.

2.0 Responsibilities:

- 2.1 The Board shall leave in the hands of the Superintendent all matters of decision and administration which come within his/her scope as executive officer or as a professional leader of the district as determined by the established policies of the Board of Education.
- 2.2 The Board shall reserve to itself the decision of all matters concerning general policy or expenditures of funds, it will normally proceed in these areas after receiving recommendations from its executive officer.
- 2.3 As its executive officer, the Superintendent is the principal contact between the Board and the Staff and shall act as the spokesperson for Staff insofar as school operations are concerned.
- 2.4 The Superintendent shall have the privilege of asking guidance from the Board with respect to matters of operation whenever he/she so desires. Where it may be necessary to make exceptions to an established policy, he/she shall submit such matters to the Board of Education for advice and direction.
- 2.5 The Superintendent shall assist the Board of Education in reaching sound judgements, establishing policies and he/she shall place before the Board, upon request, all relevant facts, information, and reports necessary to keep the Board adequately informed situations or business at hand.

3.0 Confidentiality:

- 3.1 All personnel with information that pertains to students or staff members shall be required to treat all proceedings, discussions and documents as confidential information.

Administrative Guidelines: The Board authorizes the Superintendent to establish written administrative guidelines to facilitate enforcement of and compliance with this policy.

Severability: If any provision of this policy or application thereof to any person or circumstance is held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the provisions of applications of this policy. Changes or updates to legislative items requiring compliance will be included as needed by decision of the Superintendent.

Review Schedule: This policy shall be reviewed in accordance with the policy review schedule published by the superintendent.

Authority:

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