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#### 0134 - **PROMOTION OF SCHOOL BOARD EFFECTIVENESS**

West Virginia Code 18-5-14 places school boards in the forefront of citizen- inspired public education leadership, policy and decision-making. In order to fulfill the requirements of the statute, the Board adopts this policy.

#### **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 it local school improvement councils:

##### **A. Scheduled Annual Meetings:**

The Board shall meet at least annually with ~~a quorum of members from each of~~ the local school improvement council ~~of each school deemed to be low performing under the accountability system established by the State Board.~~ The meetings shall be scheduled by the Superintendent by September 30<sup>th</sup>.

##### **B. Annual Meeting Agenda:**

~~At least thirty (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 Annual Report created for the State Board, as well as one or more of the following~~

~~issues: school performance, curriculum, status of the school in meeting the unified school improvement plan, and status of the school in meeting the county plan.~~

At least thirty (30) days before a meeting with the local school improvement council of a school deemed to be low performing, the Board shall develop and submit to the local school improvement council an agenda for the meeting. The school principal and the council chair or a member designated by the chair are required to address the dialogue of its meeting or meetings at which the parents, students, school employees, business partners, and other interested parties were given the opportunity to make specific suggestions on how to address issues which are seen to affect the school's academic performance. The principal, council chair or other designated member shall also address any reports by the superintendent with respect to the school's performance and progress, and any one or more of the following issues as determined by the Board: school performance, curriculum, status of the school in meeting the school's strategic improvement plan, and status of the school in meeting the relevant parts of the county's strategic improvement plan.

### **C. 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.

### **D. Additional Meetings:**

In 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.~~ meet and request information from representatives of any of its local improvement councils at such times and in such manner determined by the Board.

~~E. At the conclusion of each school year, the Superintendent shall prepare, for adoption by the Board, a report concerning the meeting or meetings held with the local school improvement councils during the school year. In drafting the report, the Superintendent shall consult with the councils and may request their assistance. Upon approval by the Board, and no later than September 1st of each year, the report, including any amendments made by the board, shall be delivered by the Superintendent to the State Board of Education.~~

### **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:

#### 1. Forums Involving Faculty Senates.

In its discretion, the Board may invite Faculty Senate representatives to attend public forums to address specific topics. Other representatives from the Local School Improvement Councils and the community at large may be invited to a forum by the Board.

#### 2. Surveys of Faculty Senates.

In its discretion, the Board may conduct formal written or telephone surveys as a means to obtain information or to evaluate Board programs, to study, or survey issues.

### **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:

1. Surveys of the community at large, hearings, forums, and news releases.

### **Periodic Review of Personnel Policies**

The following procedures shall be followed to ensure that the Board's personnel policies are periodically reviewed to determine their effectiveness: The Board shall review personnel policies annually.

### **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.

1. **Record: Annual Review**

The procedures required by the previous sections of this policy are all intended to meet these ends. 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 for future needs. At least annually, the record shall be considered by the Board to identify suggestions worthy of further consideration.

2. **Existing Policies**

Additionally, 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~~ Accountability 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~~ accountability and performance data provided by the State Board of Education, as well as other available data, in Board decision making. To that end:

#### **State Goals**

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 1st, 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~~

- ~~1. **Policy**~~

~~No later than August 1, 2003, the Superintendent shall file with the State Board of Education a copy of this policy.~~

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- ~~2. **Modifications**~~

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

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