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SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The School Board of Prince George County derives its authority from the Constitution of Virginia, the Code of Virginia, and the regulations of the State Board of Education.

The Prince George County School Board members are officers of the Commonwealth.

The Prince George County School Board governs the school division.

The School Board is a corporate body whose official title is "Prince George County School Board".

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 13, 2013

Legal Refs.: Constitution of Virginia, article VIII, § 7.

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-2, 22.1-28, 22.1-31, 22.1-71.

Cross Ref.: AA School Division Legal Status
BBAA Board Member Authority

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SCHOOL BOARD POWERS AND DUTIES

The School Board:

- adopts policy to provide for the day-to-day supervision of schools;
- sees that the school laws are properly explained, enforced and observed;
- secures, by visitation or otherwise, as full information as possible about the conduct of the public schools in the school division and takes care that they are conducted according to law and with the utmost efficiency;
- cares for, manages and controls the property of the school division and provides for the erecting, furnishing, equipping, and noninstructional operating of necessary school buildings and appurtenances and the maintenance thereof by purchase, lease, or other contracts;
- provides for the consolidation of schools or redistricting of school boundaries or adopts pupil assignment plans whenever such procedure will contribute to the efficiency of the school division;
- insofar as not inconsistent with state statutes and regulations of the State Board of Education, operates and maintains the public schools in the school division and determines the length of the school term, the studies to be pursued, the methods of teaching and the government to be employed in the schools;
- performs such other duties as shall be prescribed by the State Board of Education or are imposed by law;
- obtains public comment through a public hearing not less than ten days after reasonable notice to the public in a newspaper of general circulation in the school division prior to providing (i) for the consolidation of schools; (ii) the transfer from the public school system of the administration of all instructional services for any public school classroom or all noninstructional services in the school division pursuant to a contract with any private entity or organization; or (iii) in school divisions having 15,000 pupils or more in average daily membership, for redistricting of school boundaries or adopting any pupil assignment plan affecting the assignment of fifteen percent or more of the pupils in average daily membership in the affected school. Such public hearing may be held at the same time and place as the meeting of the School Board at which the proposed action is taken if the public hearing is held before the action is taken.
- surveys, at least annually, the school division to identify critical shortages of teachers and administrative personnel by subject matter, and reports such critical shortages to the Superintendent of Public Instruction and to the Virginia Retirement System or requests the division superintendent to conduct such survey and submit such report to the School Board, the Superintendent of Public Instruction, and the Virginia Retirement System; and
- ensures that the public schools within the school division are registered with the Department of State Police to receive electronic notice of the registration or

re-registration of any sex offender within the school division pursuant to VA Code § 9.1-914.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 14, 2006; July 9, 2007; May 12, 2014

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-79.

Cross Refs.: AF Comprehensive Plan
KN Sex Offender Registry Notification

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BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

The Prince George County School Board is a body corporate, and in its corporate capacity is vested with all the powers and charged with all the duties, obligations, and responsibilities imposed upon school boards by law and may sue, be sued, contract, be contracted with, and purchase, take, hold, lease and convey school property, both real and personal. School Board members shall have no authority or duties except such as may be assigned to them by the School Board as a whole.

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QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

At the time of appointment or election to office, each member of the School Board must be a qualified voter and bona fide resident of the school division and district, if any, which he represents and meet any other criteria set forth in state law. If a board member ceases to be a resident of the school division or that district which he represents, his position on the School Board shall be deemed vacant.

No employee of the School Board may serve on the Board.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: June 11, 2012

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-29, 22.1-30, 22.1-57.3.

Cross Ref.: BBE Unexpired Term Fulfillment

BOARD MEMBER OATH OF OFFICE

All new school board members qualify by taking the oath prescribed for officers of the Commonwealth on or before the day of the initial meeting of the new school board. Failure to take the oath of office within the time allowed by law renders the office vacant.

Adopted: June 13, 2005; Revised: August 8, 2011; July 13, 2015

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 15.2-1522, 15.2-1524, 24.2-228, 49-1, 49-3.

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BOARD MEMBER REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Any School Board member may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of Sections 24.2-230 through 24.2-238 of the Code of Virginia.

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Revised: July 9, 2007

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 24.2-230 through 24.2-238.

UNEXPIRED TERM FULFILLMENT

Vacancies occurring in the membership of the School Board, including the position of tie breaker, if any, are filled as provided by law.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: April 20, 2015; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-2802, 15.2-410, 15.2-531, 15.2-837, 15.2-627, 22.1-39, 22.1-40, 22.1-44, 22.1-47, 22.1-50, 22.1-53, 22.1-57.3, 24.2-226, 24.2-228.

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CONFLICT OF INTERESTS AND DISCLOSURE OF ECONOMIC INTERESTS

A. Purpose

The Prince George School Board seeks, through the adoption of this policy, to assure that the judgment of its members, officers and employees will be guided by a policy that defines and prohibits inappropriate conflicts and requires disclosure of economic interests as defined by the General Assembly in the State and Local Government Conflict of Interests Act (the Act).

B. Areas of Regulation

The Act establishes five principal areas of regulation applicable to Board members, officers and employees of the School Division. They are:

- special anti-nepotism rules relating to School Board members and superintendents of schools
- general rules governing public conduct by School Board members regarding acceptance of gifts and favors
- prohibited conduct regarding contracts
- required conduct regarding transactions
- disclosures required from School Board members

C. Definitions

"Advisory agency" means any board, commission, committee or post which does not exercise any sovereign power or duty, but is appointed by a governmental agency or officer or is created by law for the purpose of making studies or recommendations, or advising or consulting with a governmental agency.

"Affiliated business entity relationship" means a relationship, other than a parent-subsidary relationship, that exists when

- one business entity has a controlling ownership interest in the other business entity;
- a controlling owner in one entity is also a controlling owner in the other entity; or
- there is shared management or control between the business entities.

Factors that may be considered in determining the existence of an affiliated business entity relationship include that the same person or substantially the same person owns or manages the two entities, there are common or commingled funds or assets, the business entities share the use of the same offices or employees, or otherwise share activities, resources or personnel on a regular basis, or there is otherwise a close working relationship between the entities.

"Business" means any individual or entity carrying on a business or profession, whether or not for profit.

"Contract" means any agreement to which a governmental agency is a party, or any agreement on behalf of a governmental agency which involves the payment of money appropriated by the General Assembly or political subdivision, whether or not such agreement is executed in the name of the Commonwealth, or some political subdivision of it.

"Council" means the Virginia Conflict of Interest and Ethics Advisory Council established in Va. Code § 30-355.

"Employee" means all persons employed by a governmental or advisory agency.

"Financial institution" means any bank, trust company, savings institution, industrial loan association, consumer finance company, credit union, broker-dealer as defined in subsection A of Va. Code § 13.1-501, or investment company or advisor registered under the federal Investment Advisors Act or Investment Company Act of 1940.

"Gift" means any gratuity, favor, discount, entertainment, hospitality, loan, forbearance or other item having monetary value. It includes services as well as gifts of transportation, local travel, lodgings, and meals, whether provided in-kind, by purchase of a ticket, payment in advance or reimbursement after the expense has been incurred. "Gift" does not include any offer of a ticket, coupon or other admission or pass unless the ticket, coupon, admission or pass is used; honorary degrees; any athletic, merit, or need-based scholarship or any other financial aid awarded by a public or private school, institution of higher education, or other educational program pursuant to such school, institution or program's financial aid standards and procedures applicable to the general public; a campaign contribution properly received and reported pursuant to Va. Code § 24.2-945 et seq.; any gift related to the private profession, occupation or volunteer service of the School Board member or employee or of a member of the School Board member's or employee's immediate family; food or beverages consumed while attending an event at which the School Board member or employee is performing official duties related to his public service; food and beverages received at or registration or attendance fees waived for any event at which the School Board member or employee is a featured speaker, presenter or lecturer; unsolicited awards of appreciation or recognition in the form of a plaque, trophy, wall memento or similar item that is given in recognition of public, civic, charitable or professional service; a devise or inheritance; travel disclosed pursuant to the Campaign Finance Disclosure Act (Va. Code § 24.2-945 et seq.); travel paid for or provided by the government of the United States, any of its territories or any state or any political subdivision of such state; travel related to an official meeting of, or any meal provided for attendance at such meeting by, the Commonwealth, its political subdivisions, or any board, commission, authority, or other entity, or any charitable organization established pursuant to § 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code affiliated with such entity, to which such person has been appointed or elected or is a member by virtue

of his office or employment; gifts with a value of less than \$20; attendance at a reception or similar function where food, such as hors d'oeuvres, and beverages that can be conveniently consumed by a person while standing or walking are offered; or gifts from relatives or personal friends. For the purpose of this definition, "relative" means the donee's spouse, child, uncle, aunt, niece, nephew or first cousin; a person to whom the donee is engaged to be married; the donee's or donee's spouse's parent, grandparent, grandchild, brother, sister, step-parent, step-grandparent, step-grandchild, step-brother, step-sister, the donee's brother's or sister's spouse or the donee's son-in-law or daughter-in-law. For the purpose of this definition, "personal friend" does not include any person that the School Board member or employee knows or has reason to know is (a) a lobbyist registered pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-418 et seq.; (b) a lobbyist's principal as defined in Va. Code § 2.2-419; or (c) a person, organization, or business who is a party to or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board. For purposes of this definition, "person, organization or business" includes individuals who are officers, directors or owners of or who have a controlling ownership interest in such organization or business.

"Governmental agency" means each component part of the legislative, executive or judicial branches of state and local government, including each office, department, authority, post, commission, committee, and each institution or board created by law to exercise some regulatory or sovereign power or duty as distinguished from purely advisory powers or duties. Corporations organized or controlled by the Virginia Retirement System are "governmental agencies" for purposes of this policy.

"Immediate family" means (i) a spouse and (ii) any other person who resides in the same household as the School Board member or employee and who is a dependent of the School Board member or employee.

"Officer" means any person appointed or elected to any governmental or advisory agency including local school boards, whether or not he receives compensation or other emolument of office.

"Parent-subsidiary relationship" means a relationship that exists when one corporation directly or indirectly owns shares possessing more than 50 percent of the voting power of another corporation.

"Personal interest" means a financial benefit or liability accruing to a School Board member or employee or to a member of the immediate family of the School Board member or employee. Such interest shall exist by reason of

- ownership in a business if the ownership interest exceeds three percent of the total equity of the business;
- annual income that exceeds, or may reasonably be anticipated to exceed, \$5,000 from ownership in real or personal property or a business;

- salary, other compensation, fringe benefits, or benefits from the use of property, or any combination thereof, paid or provided by a business or governmental agency that exceeds, or may reasonably be anticipated to exceed \$5,000 annually;
- ownership of real or personal property if the interest exceeds \$5,000 in value and excluding ownership in a business, income or salary, other compensation, fringe benefits or benefits from the use of property;
- personal liability incurred or assumed on behalf of a business if the liability exceeds three percent of the asset value of the business; or
- an option for ownership of a business or real or personal property if the ownership interest will consist of the first or fourth bullets above.

"Personal interest in a contract" means a personal interest which an officer or employee has in a contract with a governmental agency, whether due to his being a party to the contract or due to a personal interest in a business which is a party to the contract.

"Personal interest in a transaction" means a personal interest of an officer or employee in any matter considered by his agency. Such personal interest exists when an officer or employee or a member of his immediate family has a personal interest in property or a business, or governmental agency, or represents or provides services to any individual or business and such property, business, or represented or served individual or business is

- is the subject of the transaction or
- may realize a reasonably foreseeable direct or indirect benefit or detriment as a result of the action of the agency considering the transaction.
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Notwithstanding the foregoing, such personal interest in a transaction shall not be deemed to exist where (a) an elected member of a local governing body serves without remuneration as a member of the board of trustees of a not-for-profit entity and such elected member or member of his immediate family has no personal interest related to the not-for-profit entity or (b) an officer, employee or elected member of a local governing body is appointed by the local governing body to serve on a governmental agency or an officer, employee or elected member of a separate local governmental agency formed by a local governing body is appointed to serve on a governmental agency, and the personal interest in the transaction of the governmental agency is a result of the salary, other compensation, fringe benefits, or benefits provided by the local governing body or the separate governmental agency to the officer, employee, elected member or member of his immediate family.

"Transaction" means any matter considered by any governmental or advisory agency, whether in a committee, subcommittee, or other entity of that agency or before the agency itself, on which official action is taken or contemplated.

D. Special Anti-Nepotism Rules Relating to School Board Members and Superintendents

1. The School Board may not employ or pay, and the superintendent may not recommend for employment, the father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law or brother-in-law of the superintendent or of a School Board except as authorized in Subsection D.2 below. This provision does not apply to the employment, promotion or transfer within the school division, of any person within a relationship described above when such person
 - has been employed pursuant to a written contract with the School Board or employed as a substitute teacher or teacher's aide by the School Board prior to the taking of office of the superintendent or any member of the Board or;
 - or
 - has been employed pursuant to a written contract with the School Board or employed as a substitute teacher or teacher's aide by the School Board prior to the inception of such relationship; or
 - was employed by the School Board at any time prior to June 10, 1994, and had been employed at any time as a teacher or other employee of any Virginia school board prior to the taking of office of any member of the School Board or superintendent.

A person employed as a substitute teacher may not be employed to any greater extent than he was employed by the School Board in the last full school year prior to the taking of office of such Board member or superintendent or to the inception of such relationship.

2. Notwithstanding the rules stated in Subsection D.1. above, the School Board may employ or pay, and the superintendent may recommend for employment, any family member of a School Board member provided that
 - a) the member certifies that he had no involvement with the hiring decision; and

the superintendent certifies to the remaining members of the School Board in writing that the recommendation is based upon merit and fitness and the competitive rating of the qualifications of the individual and that no member of the Board had any involvement with the hiring decision.
3. No family member (as listed in section D.1., above) of any employee may be employed by the School Board if the family member is to be employed in a direct supervisory and/or administrative relationship either supervisory or subordinate to the employee. The employment and assignment of family members in the same organizational unit is discouraged.

E. General Rules Governing Public Conduct by School Board Members and Employees Regarding Gifts and Favors

1. Prohibited Conduct

No member or employee of the Board, shall

- solicit or accept money, or anything else of value, for services performed within the scope of his or her official duties other than his or her regular compensation, expenses or other remuneration;
- offer or accept money, or anything else of value, for or in consideration of obtaining employment, appointment, or promotion of any person in the school division;
- offer or accept any money or anything else of value for or in consideration of the use of his public position to obtain a contract for any person or business with the school division.
- use for his or her own economic benefit, or anyone else's, confidential information gained by reason of his or her office, and which is not available to the public;
- accept any money, loan, gift, favor, service or business or professional opportunity that reasonably tends to influence him or her in the performance of his or her official duties;
- accept any business or professional opportunity when he or she knows that there is a reasonable likelihood that the opportunity is being afforded him or her to influence his or her conduct in the performance of official duties;
- accept a gift from a person who has interests that may be substantially affected by the performance of the School Board member's or employee's official duties under circumstances where the timing and nature of the gift would cause a reasonable person to question the Board member's or employee's impartiality in the matter affecting the donor;
- accept gifts from sources on a basis so frequent as to raise an appearance of the use of his or her public office or employment for private gain; or use his or her public position to retaliate or threaten to retaliate against any person for expressing views on matters of public concern or for exercising any right that is otherwise protected by law, provided, however, that this prohibition shall not restrict the authority of any public employer to govern conduct of its employees, and to take disciplinary action, in accordance with applicable law.

2. Prohibited Gifts

For purposes of this subsection:

"Person, organization or business" includes individuals who are officers, directors or owners of or who have a controlling ownership interest in such organization or business.

"Widely attended event" means an event at which at least 25 persons have been invited to attend or there is a reasonable expectation that at least 25 persons will attend the event and the event is open to individuals (i) who are members of a public, civic, charitable or professional organization, (ii) who are from a particular industry or profession or (iii) who represent persons interested in a particular issue.

School Board members and employees required to file a Statement of Economic Interests as prescribed in Va. Code § 2.2-3117 and members of their immediate families shall not solicit, accept or receive any single gift with a value in excess of \$100 or any combination of gifts with an aggregate value in excess of \$100 within any calendar year for the School Board member or employee or a member of the School Board or employee's immediate family from any person that the School Board member or employee or a member of the School Board's or employee's immediate family knows or has reason to know is (i) a lobbyist registered pursuant to Va, Code § 2.2-418 et seq.; (ii) a lobbyist's principal as defined in Va, Code § 2.2-419; or (iii) a person, organization or business who is or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board. Gifts with a value of less than \$20 are not subject to aggregation for purposes of this prohibition.

Notwithstanding the above, School Board members and employees required to file a Statement of Economic Interests and members of their immediate families may accept or receive

1. a gift of food and beverages, entertainment or the cost of admission with a value in excess of \$100 when such gift is accepted or received while in attendance at a widely attended event and is associated with the event. Such gifts shall be reported on the Statement of Economic Interests;
2. a gift from a foreign dignitary with a value exceeding \$100 for which the fair market value or a gift of greater or equal value has not been provided or exchanged. Such gift shall be accepted on behalf of the Commonwealth or a locality and archived in accordance with guidelines established by the Library of Virginia. Such gift shall be disclosed as having been accepted on behalf of the Commonwealth or a locality, but the value of such gift shall not be required to be disclosed;
3. certain gifts with a value in excess of \$100 from a lobbyist, lobbyist's principal or a person, organization or business who is or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board if such gift was provided to such School Board member or employee or a member of the immediate family of the School Board member or employee on the basis of a personal friendship. A lobbyist, lobbyist's principal or a person, organization or business who is or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board may be a personal friend of such

School Board member or employee or the immediate family of the School Board member or employee. In determining whether a lobbyist, lobbyist's principal or a person, organization or business who is or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board is a personal friend, the following factors shall be considered: (i) the circumstances under which the gift was offered; (ii) the history of the relationship between the person and the donor, including the nature and length of the friendship and any previous exchange of gifts between them; (iii) to the extent known to the person, whether the donor personally paid for the gift or sought a tax deduction or business reimbursement for the gift; and (iv) whether the donor has given the same or similar gifts to other persons required to file the disclosure form prescribed in Va. Code §§ 2.2-3117 or 30-111; and

4. gifts of travel, including travel-related transportation, lodging, hospitality, food or beverages, or other thing of value, with a value in excess of \$100 that is paid for or provided by a lobbyist, lobbyist's principal or a person, organization or business who is or is seeking to become a party to a contract with the School Board when the School Board member or employee has submitted a request for approval of such travel to the Council and has received the approval of the Council pursuant to Va. Code § 30-356.1. Such gifts shall be reported on the Statement of Economic Interests.

The \$100 limitation imposed in accordance with this section shall be adjusted by the Council every five years, as of January 1 of that year, in an amount equal to the annual increases for that five-year period in the United States Average Consumer Price Index for all items, all urban consumers (CPI-U), as published by the Bureau of Labor Statistics of the U.S. Department of Labor, rounded to the nearest whole dollar.

No person shall be in violation of this policy if (i) the gift is not used by such person and the gift or its equivalent in money is returned to the donor or delivered to a charitable organization within a reasonable period of time upon the discovery of the value of the gift and is not claimed as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes or (ii) consideration is given by the donee to the donor for the value of the gift within a reasonable period of time upon the discovery of the value of the gift provided that such consideration reduces the value of the gift to \$100 or less.

3. Awards to Employees for Exceptional Service

Nothing herein shall be construed to prohibit or apply to the acceptance by a teacher or other employee of School Board of an award or payment in honor of meritorious or exceptional services performed by the teacher or employee and made by an organization exempt from federal income taxation pursuant to the provisions of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

F. Prohibited Conduct Regarding Contracts

1. No School Board member or employee shall have a personal interest in (i) any contract with the School Board or (ii) any contract with any government agency which is subject to the ultimate control of the Board.
2. Exceptions - The above prohibition is not applicable to:
 - a Board member's personal interest in a contract of employment provided the employment first began prior to the member becoming a member of the School Board
 - an employee's own contract of employment
 - contracts for the sale by a governmental agency of services or goods at uniform prices available to the general public
 - a contract awarded to a member of the School Board as a result of competitive sealed bidding where the School Board has established a need for the same or substantially similar goods through purchases prior to the election or appointment of the member to serve on the School Board; however, the member shall have no involvement in the preparation of the specifications for such contract, and the remaining members of the School Board, by written resolution, shall state that it is in the public interest for the member to bid on such contract
 - the sale, lease or exchange of real property between a School Board member or employee and the School Board, provided the Board member or employee does not participate in any way as a Board member or employee in such sale, lease or exchange, and this fact is set forth as a matter of public record by the School Board or superintendent
 - the publication of official notices contracts between the School Board and an officer or employee of the School Board when the total of such contracts between the School Board and the officer or employee of the School Board or a business controlled by the officer or employee does not exceed \$5,000 per year or such amount exceeds \$5,000 and is less than \$25,000 but results from contracts arising from awards made on a sealed bid basis, and such officer or employee has made disclosure as provided for in Va. Code § 2.2-3115
 - an officer or employee whose sole personal interest in a contract with the governmental agency is by reason of income from the contracting firm or governmental agency in excess of \$5,000 per year, provided the officer or employee or a member of his immediate family does not participate and has no authority to participate in the procurement or letting of such contract on behalf of the contracting firm and the officer or employee either does not have authority to participate in the procurement or letting of the contract on behalf of his governmental agency or he disqualifies himself as a matter of public record and does not participate on behalf of his governmental agency in negotiating the contract or in approving the contract

- contracts between an officer's or employee's governmental agency and a public service corporation, financial institution or company furnishing public utilities in which the officer or employee has a personal interest provided the officer or employee disqualifies himself as a matter of public record and does not participate on behalf of his governmental agency in negotiating or approving the contract
- contracts for the purchase of goods or services when the contract does not exceed \$500
- grants or other payment under any program wherein uniform rates for, or the amounts paid to, all qualified applicants are established solely by the administering governmental agency
- an officer or employee whose sole personal interest in a contract with his own governmental agency is by reason of his marriage to his spouse who is employed by the same agency, if the spouse was employed by such agency for five or more years prior to marrying such officer or employee
- employment contracts and other contracts entered into prior to August 1, 1987, provided such contracts were in compliance with the Virginia Conflict of Interests Act (or the Comprehensive Conflict of Interests Act) at the time of their formation and thereafter. Those contracts shall continue to be governed by the provisions of the appropriate prior Act. The employment by the same governmental agency of an officer or employee and spouse or any other relative residing in the same household shall not be deemed to create a material financial interest except when one of the persons is employed in a direct supervisory and/or administrative position with respect to the spouse or other relative residing in his household and the annual salary of the subordinate is \$35,000 or more

G. Prohibited Conduct Regarding Transactions

1. Each School Board member and School Board employee who has a personal interest in a transaction
 - a. shall disqualify himself from participating in the transaction if
 - (i) the transaction has application solely to property or a business or governmental agency in which he has a personal interest or a business that has a parent-subsidary or affiliated business entity relationship with the business in which he has a personal interest; or
 - (ii) he is unable to participate pursuant to subdivision G.1.b, G.1.c., or G.1.d. of this policy.

Any disqualification under this subsection shall be recorded in the School Board's public records. The School Board member or employee shall disclose his personal interests as required by Va. Code § 2.2-3115.F and shall not vote or in any manner act on behalf of the School Board in the transaction. The member or employee shall not

- (i) attend any portion of a closed meeting authorized by the Virginia Freedom of Information Act when the matter in which he has a personal interest is discussed; or
 - (ii) discuss the matter in which he has a personal interest with other governmental officers or employees at any time.
- a. may participate in the transaction if he is a member of a business, profession, occupation or group of three or more persons, the members of which are affected by the transaction, and he complies with the declaration requirements of Va. Code § 2.2-3115.H;
 - b. may participate in the transaction when a party to the transaction is a client of his firm if he does not personally represent or provide services to such client and he complies with the declaration requirements of Va. Code § 2.2-3115.I; or
 - c. may participate in the transaction if it affects the public generally, even though his personal interest, as a member of the public, may also be affected by that transaction.
2. Disqualification under this section shall not prevent any employee having a personal interest in a transaction in which his employer is involved from representing himself or a member of his immediate family in such transaction provided he does not receive compensation for such representation and provided he complies with the disqualification and relevant disclosure requirements of this policy.
 3. If disqualifications under subsection 1.a. of this section leave less than the number required by law to act, the remaining member or members of the Board shall constitute a quorum for the conduct of business and have authority to act for the Board by majority vote, unless a unanimous vote of all members is required by law, in which case authority to act shall require a unanimous vote of remaining members.
 4. The provisions of this section shall not prevent a Board member or employee from participating in a transaction merely because such a Board member or employee is a defendant in a civil legal proceeding concerning such transaction.

H. Disclosure Requirements

1. School Board members file, as a condition of assuming office, a disclosure statement of their personal interests and other information as is required on the form prescribed by the Council pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3117 and thereafter file such statement annually on or before February 1. The disclosure forms are filed and maintained as public records for five years in the office of the clerk of the School Board.
2. School Board members and employees required to file the Statement of Economic Interests who fail to file such form within the time period prescribed shall be assessed a civil penalty of \$250. The clerk of the School Board shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth for the locality of any School Board member's or employee's failure to file the required form and the attorney for the Commonwealth shall assess and collect the civil penalty. The clerk shall notify the attorney for the Commonwealth within 30 days of the deadline for filing.
3. Any Board member or employee who is disqualified from participating in a transaction under Section G.1.a. of this policy, or otherwise elects to disqualify himself, shall forthwith make disclosure of the existence of his interest, including the full name and address of the business and the address or parcel number for the real estate if the interest involves a business or real estate and such disclosure shall be reflected in the School Board's public records in the division superintendent's office for a period of five (5) years.
4. Any Board member or employee who is required to disclose his interest under Section G.1.b. of this policy shall declare his interest by stating:
 - the transaction involved;
 - the nature of the Board member's or employee's personal interest affected by the transaction;
 - that he is a member of a business, profession, occupation or group the members of which are affected by the transaction; and
 - that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively, and in the public interest.

The Board member or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes of the Board or file a signed written declaration with the clerk of the Board, who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the board member or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day. The Board member or employee shall also orally disclose the existence of the interest during each School Board meeting at which the transaction is discussed and such disclosure shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.

5. A Board member or employee who is required to declare his interest pursuant to subdivision G.1.c. of this policy shall declare his interest by stating
 - (i) the transaction involved;
 - (ii) that a party to the transaction is a client of his firm;
 - (iii) that he does not personally represent or provide services to the client; and
 - (iv) that he is able to participate in the transaction fairly, objectively and in the public interest.

The Board member or employee shall either make his declaration orally to be recorded in written minutes of the Board or file a signed written declaration with the clerk of the Board who shall, in either case, retain and make available for public inspection such declaration for a period of five years from the date of recording or receipt. If reasonable time is not available to comply with the provisions of this subsection prior to participation in the transaction, the Board member or employee shall prepare and file the required declaration by the end of the next business day.

I. Release of Disclosure Forms

A clerk of the School Board who releases any disclosure form shall redact from the form any residential address, personal telephone number or signature contained on such form.

J. Deadlines and Coverage Periods for Disclosure Forms

A School Board member or employee required to file an annual disclosure on or before February 1 shall disclose his personal interests and other information as required on the form prescribed by the Council for the preceding calendar year complete through December 31.

A School Board member or employee required to file a disclosure as a condition to assuming office or employment shall file such disclosure on or before the day such office or position of employment is assumed and disclose his personal interests and other information as required on the form prescribed by the Council for the preceding 12-month period complete through the last day of the month immediately preceding the month in which the office or position of employment is assumed; however, any School Board member or employee who assumes office or a position of employment in January shall be required to only file an annual disclosure on or before February 1 for the preceding calendar year complete through December 31.

When the deadline for filing any disclosure falls on a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday, the deadline for filing shall be the next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

Advisory Opinions

School Board members or employees subject to the Act may seek written opinions regarding the Act from the local Commonwealth’s attorney; the local county attorney; or the Council. Good faith reliance on any such written opinion of the Commonwealth Attorney or a formal opinion or written informal advice of the Council made in response to a written request for such opinion or advice regardless of whether such opinion or advice is later withdrawn, provided that the alleged violation occurred prior to the withdrawal of the opinion or advice, bars prosecution for a knowing violation of the Act provided the opinion was made after a full disclosure of the facts. If the School Board member or employee relies on the opinion of the attorney for the Commonwealth in a prosecution for a knowing violation of the Act, the written opinion of the attorney for the Commonwealth shall be a public record and shall be released upon request. An opinion of the county attorney may be introduced at trial as evidence that the School Board member or employee did not knowingly violate the Act.

Adopted: Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 14, 2006; July 9, 2007, August 11, 2008; August 9, 2010; August 8, 2011; August 13, 2012; August 12, 2013; December 8, 2014; April 20, 2015; July 13, 2015; April 11, 2016; July 11, 2016; June 29, 2017; July 16, 2018

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3101, 2.2-3102, 2.2-3103, 2.2-3103.2, 2.2-3104.1, 2.2-3108, 2.2-3109, 2.2-3110, 2.2-3112, 2.2-3115, 2.2-3118.2, 2.2-3119, 2.2-3121, 2.2-3124 and 30-356.

Cross Ref.: CBCA Disclosure Statement Required of Superintendent
GAH School Employee Conflict of Interests
GCCB Employment of Family Members

SCHOOL BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Prince George County School Board will hold an organizational meeting annually.

At that meeting the Board will

- establish its regular meeting schedule for the following year,
- elect one of its members as chairman,
- approve a designee of the superintendent to attend meetings of the School Board in case of the superintendent's absence or inability to attend, and
- appoint, on the recommendation of the superintendent, a clerk of the School Board.

Upon election, the chairman will immediately assume office and preside over the remainder of the meeting.

In addition, the Board

- may elect one of its members as vice-chairman and
- may appoint a deputy clerk.

The vice-chairman and deputy clerk, if any, will be empowered to act in all matters in case of the absence or inability to act of the chairman or clerk, respectively, or as otherwise provided by the Board.

The terms of the chairman, clerk, vice-chairman and deputy clerk will be one year.

The Board's annual organizational meeting will be held in January.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 13, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-72, 22.1-76.

Cross Ref.: BCB School Board Officials

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SCHOOL BOARD OFFICERS

The officers of the School Board are a chairman and vice-chairman. The chairman and the vice-chairman are elected annually at the organizational meeting of the School Board.

School Board Chairman

The duties of the chairman are to preside at all meetings of the School Board, to perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or by action of the School Board, and to sign all legal documents approved by the School Board.

The chairman, as a member of the School Board, has a vote on all matters before the School Board which come to a vote, but does not have an additional vote as chairman in case of a tie.

Vice-Chairman

The vice-chairman, if present, shall preside in the absence of the chairman, and is empowered to act in all matters in case of the absence or inability of the chairman to act or as provided by resolution of the School Board. If neither the chairman nor vice-chairman is present, a majority of Board members present, if they constitute a quorum, shall elect one from among themselves to chair the meeting.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 13, 2005

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-72, 22.1-76.

Cross Ref.: BCA School Board Organizational Meeting

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SCHOOL BOARD CLERK

On recommendation of the superintendent, a clerk and a deputy clerk is be appointed annually at the organizational meeting of the School Board.

The clerk and deputy clerk, if any, are each bonded in an amount no less than ten thousand dollars (\$10,000), and the School Board shall pay the premiums for each bond. The clerk and deputy clerk, if any, discharge under the general direction of the superintendent all duties as required by law and such other duties as may be required by the School Board or the State Board of Education.

Adopted: June 13, 2005; Revised: August 8, 2011; July 13, 2015

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-76, 22.1-77.

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SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEES

There shall be no standing committees of the Prince George County School Board, except at the School Board's option, a Student Disciplinary Committee.

Special committees may be appointed by the chairman or created by School Board action. These committees shall be appointed or created for a specific purpose and shall expire upon completion of the assigned task unless School Board action authorizes temporary continuance of such committees.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 13, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-277.06.

Cross Refs.:	BCEA	Disciplinary Committee
	BDA	Regular School Board Meetings
	BDB	Special School Board Meetings
	BDC	Closed Meetings
	GB	Equal Employment Opportunity/Nondiscrimination

DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE

A Disciplinary Committee composed of at least three School Board members presides over all cases of student suspensions of more than 10 days and expulsions within the Prince George School Division. The decision of the committee, if unanimous, is the final decision of the School Board. In non-unanimous decisions, the student has the right to appeal to the full School Board. The School Board shall render a final decision in such cases on the appeal within thirty days of the Committee decision.

The Disciplinary Committee follows the procedures set forth in Policy JGD/JGE Student Suspension/Expulsion.

Membership on the Disciplinary Committee is determined by the School Board.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 12, 2014

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, §§ 22.1-277.05, 22.1-277.06.

Cross Refs.: BEC School Board Committees
 JEC School Admission
 JGD/JGE Student Suspensions/Expulsions

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ADVISORY COMMITTEES TO THE SCHOOL BOARD

The School Board may appoint advisory councils or committees of citizens of the school division for consultation with reference to specific matters pertaining to local schools. In addition, pursuant to Board of Education regulations, the School Board establishes advisory committees for the following programs: special education and career and technical education. These committees shall serve without compensation for one-year terms.

A Gifted Education Advisory Committee will be established. The Committee will annually review the local plan for the education of gifted students, including revisions, and determine the extent to which the plan for the previous year was implemented. The comments and recommendations of the Committee will be submitted in writing directly to the School Board and the superintendent. The Committee will reflect the ethnic and geographical composition of the school division.

A School Health Advisory Board (SHAB) will be established. The SHAB will be comprised of no more than twenty members. The members will include broad-based community representation, including parents, students, health professional, educators, and others. The SHAB will assist with the development of health policy in the school division and the evaluation of the status of school health, health education, the school environment, and health services. The SHAB will hold meetings at least semi-annually and will annually report on the status and needs of student health in the division to any relevant school, the School Board, the Virginia Department of Health, and the Virginia Department of Education.

The School Board may request that the SHAB recommend to the School Board procedures relating to children with acute or chronic illnesses or conditions, including, but not limited to, appropriate emergency procedures for any life-threatening conditions and designation of school personnel to implement the appropriate emergency procedures.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 9, 2010; May 9, 2011; August 13, 2012; August 12, 2013; April 20, 2015

Legal Ref.: 20 U.S.C. §§ 5964(a)(6), 6318(e)(12), 7115(a)(1)(E).

Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-18.1, 22.1-86, 22.1-275.1.

8 VAC 20-40-60.

8 VAC 20-81-230.D.

8 VAC 20-120-50.

Cross Ref.: EB School Crisis, Emergency Management, and Medical Emergency
Response Plan
EBB Threat Assessment Teams
IC/ID School Year/School Day
IGBB Programs for Gifted Students
KC Community Involvement in Decision Making

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SCHOOL ATTORNEY

The School Board may retain an attorney for legal counsel and services. The attorney, upon request by the School Board, may attend meetings of the Board and its committees.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 13, 2015

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-82.

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REGULAR SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The School Board transacts all business at School Board meetings. The School Board does not vote by secret or written ballot. However, nothing prohibits separately contacting the membership, or any part thereof, of the School Board for the purpose of ascertaining a member's position with respect to the transaction of public business, whether such contact is done in person, by telephone or by electronic communication, provided the contact is done on a basis that does not constitute a meeting under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

All meetings of the School Board are open to the public, except as otherwise permitted by law.

No meeting is conducted through telephonic, video, electronic or other electronic communication means where the members are not physically assembled to discuss or transact public business, except as provided in Policy BDD Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations.

The School Board gives notice of its meetings in accordance with Policy BDDA Notification of School Board Meetings.

At least one copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and, unless exempt, all materials furnished to the members of the School Board for a meeting are made available for public inspection at the same time such documents are furnished to the members of the School Board.

Any person may photograph, film, record or otherwise reproduce any portion of an open meeting. The School Board may adopt rules governing the placement and use of equipment necessary for broadcasting, photographing, filming or recording a meeting to prevent interference with the proceedings, but does not prohibit or otherwise prevent any person from photographing, filming, recording or otherwise reproducing any portion of an open meeting. The School Board does not conduct any open meeting in any building or facility where such recording devices are prohibited.

Minutes of all regular School Board meetings are recorded in accordance with Policy BDDG Minutes.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 9, 2010; April 20, 2015; June 29, 2017; September 10, 2018

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3707, 2.2-3708.2, 2.2-3710, 22.1-72 and 22.1-74.

Cross Refs.:	KC	Community Involvement in Decision Making
	BCA	Board Organizational Meetings
	BDD	Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations
	BDDA	Notification of School Board Meetings
	BDDG	Minutes

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SPECIAL SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

The School Board holds special and continued meetings when necessary. Special meetings are held when called by the chairman or when requested by two or more members. Special meetings may be called provided each member is duly notified, or a reasonable attempt has been made to notify each member.

Business that does not come within the purposes set forth in the call of the meeting is not transacted at any special meeting of the School Board unless the members present unanimously agree to consider additional items of business.

Notice, reasonable under the circumstances, of special or continued meetings is given contemporaneously with the notice provided to members of the School Board.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: June 11, 2012; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3707, 22.1-72.

Cross Refs.:	KC	Community Involvement in Decision Making
	BCA	Board Organizational Meetings
	BDDA	Notification of School Board Meetings
	BDDG	Minutes

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CLOSED MEETINGS

- A. Closed meetings may be held by the School Board or any committee thereof only in accordance with Virginia law, for purposes including the following:
1. Discussion, consideration or interviews of prospective candidates for employment; assignment, appointment, promotion, performance, demotion, salaries, disciplining or resignation of specific public officers, appointees or employees of the School Board. Any teacher shall be permitted to be present during a closed meeting in which there is a discussion or consideration of a disciplinary matter which involves the teacher and some student and the student involved in the matter is present, provided the teacher makes a written request to be present to the presiding officer of the School Board. The School Board may not, however, discuss the compensation of Board members in closed session.
 2. Discussion or consideration of admission or disciplinary matters or any other matters that would involve the disclosure of information contained in a scholastic record concerning any student in the Prince George school system. However, any such student, legal counsel and, if the student is a minor, the student's parents or legal guardians shall be permitted to be present during the taking of testimony or presentation of evidence at a closed meeting, if such student, parents or guardians so request in writing and such request is submitted to the presiding officer of the School Board.
 3. Discussion or consideration of the acquisition of real property for a public purpose, or of the disposition of publicly held real property where discussion in an open meeting would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the School Board.
 4. The protection of the privacy of individuals in personal matters not related to public business.
 5. Discussion concerning a prospective business or industry or the expansion of an existing business or industry where no previous announcement has been made of the business' or industry's interest in locating or expanding its facilities in the community.
 6. Discussion or consideration of the investment of public funds where competition or bargaining is involved, where if made public initially, the financial interest of the School Board would be adversely affected.
 7. Consultation with legal counsel and briefings by staff members or consultants pertaining to actual or probable litigation, where such consultation or briefing in open meeting would adversely affect the negotiating or litigating posture of the School

Board. For purposes of this subsection, “probable litigation” means litigation which has been specifically threatened or on which the School Board or its legal counsel has a reasonable basis to believe will be commenced by or against a known party. The closure of a meeting is not permitted merely because an attorney representing the School Board is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.

8. Consultation with legal counsel employed or retained by the School Board regarding specific legal matters requiring the provision of legal advice by such counsel. The closure of a meeting is not permitted merely because an attorney representing the School Board is in attendance or is consulted on a matter.
9. Discussion or consideration of honorary degrees or special awards.
10. Discussion or consideration of tests or examinations or other information used, administered or prepared by a public body and subject to the exclusion in subdivision 4 of Va. Code § 2.2-3705.1.
11. Discussion of strategy with respect to the negotiation of a hazardous waste siting agreement or to consider the terms, conditions, and provisions of a hazardous waste siting agreement if the School Board in open meeting finds that an open meeting will have an adverse effect upon the negotiating position of the School Board or the establishment of the terms, conditions and provisions of the siting agreement, or both. All discussions with the applicant or its representatives may be conducted in a closed meeting.
12. Discussion or consideration of medical and mental health records subject to the exclusion in subdivision 1 of Va. Code § 2.2-3705.5.
13. Discussion of plans to protect public safety as it relates to terrorist activity or specific cybersecurity threats or vulnerabilities and briefings by staff members, legal counsel or law-enforcement or emergency service officials concerning actions taken to respond to such matters or a related threat to public safety; discussion of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 3 or 4 of Va. Code § 2.2-3705.2 where discussion in an open meeting would jeopardize the safety of any person or the security of any facility, building, structure, information technology system or software program; or discussion of reports or plans related to the security of any governmental facility, building or structure, or the safety of persons using such facility, building or structure.
14. Discussion or consideration of information subject to the exclusion in subdivision 11 of Va. Code § 2.2-3705.6 (the Public Private Education Facilities and Infrastructure Act) by the School Board or any independent review panel appointed to review information and advise the School Board concerning such information.

15. Discussion of the award of a public contract involving the expenditure of public funds, including interviews of bidders or offerors, and discussion of the terms or scope of such contract, where discussion in an open session would adversely affect the bargaining position or negotiating strategy of the School Board.

B. No resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion adopted, passed or agreed to in a closed meeting shall become effective unless the School Board, following the meeting, reconvenes in open meeting and takes a vote of the membership on such resolution, ordinance, rule, contract, regulation or motion which shall have its substance reasonably identified in the open meeting.

C. The School Board or any committee thereof may permit nonmembers to attend a closed meeting of the Board or committee if such persons are deemed necessary or if their presence will reasonably aid the Board or committee in its consideration of a topic which is a subject of the meeting.

D. School Board members may attend closed meetings held by any committee or subcommittee of the Board, or a closed meeting of any entity, however designated, created to perform the delegated functions of or to advise the Board. School Board members shall in all cases be permitted to observe the closed meeting of the committee, subcommittee or entity. In addition to the requirements of Va. Code § 2.2-3707, the minutes of the committee or other entity shall include the identity of the School Board members who attended the closed meeting.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 9, 2007; May 13, 2013; July 13, 2015; July 11, 2016; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3711, 2.2-3712.

Cross Ref.: BCE School Board Committees
BCEA Disciplinary Committee
BCF Advisory Committees to the School Board
BDDA Notification of School Board Meetings

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CALLING AND CERTIFICATION OF CLOSED MEETINGS

- A. No closed meetings shall be held by the School Board or any committee thereof unless the School Board or committee has taken an affirmative recorded vote in an open meeting approving a motion which (i) identifies the subject matter, (ii) states the purpose of the meeting as authorized in Va. Code § 2.2-3711.A or other provision of law and (iii) cites the applicable exemption or exemptions from open meeting requirements provided in the Virginia Freedom of Information Act or other provision of law. The matters contained in such motion shall be set forth in detail in the minutes of the open meeting. A general reference to the provisions of the Virginia Freedom of Information Act or authorized exemptions from open meeting requirements, or the subject matter of the closed meeting shall not be sufficient to satisfy the requirements for holding a closed meeting.
- B. The School Board, or committee thereof, in holding a closed meeting, shall restrict its discussion during the closed meeting only to those purposes specifically exempted under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act and identified in the motion required in subsection A, above.
- C. At the conclusion of any closed meeting, the School Board or committee thereof shall immediately reconvene in an open meeting and shall take a roll call or other recorded vote to be included in the minutes, certifying that to the best of each member's knowledge (i) only public business matters lawfully exempted from open meeting requirements and (ii) only such public business matters as were identified in the motion by which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered in the meeting. Any member of the Board or committee who believes that there was a departure from the requirements of subdivisions (i) and (ii) above, shall so state prior to the vote, indicating the substance of the departure that, in his judgment, has taken place. The statement shall be recorded in the minutes of the meeting.
- D. Failure of the certification required by subsection C, above, to receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the members present during a meeting shall not affect the validity or confidentiality of such meeting with respect to matters considered therein in compliance with these provisions. The recorded vote and any statement made in connection therewith, shall upon proper authentication, constitute evidence in any proceeding brought to enforce the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.
- E. Except as specifically authorized by law, in no event may the School Board or committee thereof take action on matters discussed in any closed meeting, except at an open meeting for which notice was given pursuant to Va. Code § 2.2-3707

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: May 13, 2013; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 2.2-3701, 2.2-3712.

Cross Refs.:	BCE	School Board Committees
	BCEA	Disciplinary Committee
	BCF	Advisory Committees to the School Board
	BDC	Closed Meetings
	BDDA	Notification of School Board Meetings

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ELECTRONIC PARTICIPATION IN MEETINGS FROM REMOTE LOCATIONS

Except as provided hereafter, the School Board does not conduct any meeting wherein the public business is discussed or transacted through telephonic, video, electronic or other electronic communication means where the members are not physically assembled. This policy is applied strictly and uniformly, without exception, to the entire membership of the School Board and without regard to the identity of the member requesting remote participation or the matters that will be considered or voted on at the meeting.

For purposes of this policy, “electronic communication” means the use of technology having electrical, digital, magnetic, wireless, optical, electromagnetic, or similar capabilities to transmit or receive information.

I. Quorum Physically Assembled

- A. The School Board may conduct any meeting wherein the public business is discussed or transacted through electronic communication means if 1) on or before the day of a meeting, a member of the School Board notifies the chair that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevents the member's physical attendance or that such member is unable to attend the meeting due to a personal matter and identifies with specificity the nature of the personal matter; and 2) the School Board approves the member's participation by a majority vote of the members present at the primary or central meeting location.

Participation by a School Board member by electronic communication means due to a personal matter is limited each calendar year to two meetings.

- B. If participation by a School Board member through electronic communication means is approved pursuant to subsection A above, the School Board records in its minutes the remote location from which the member participated; however, the remote location need not be open to the public. If participation is approved due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition, the School Board also includes in its minutes the fact that the member participated through electronic communication means due to a temporary or permanent disability or other medical condition that prevented the member's physical attendance. If participation is approved due to a personal matter, the School Board also includes in its minutes the specific nature of the personal matter cited by the member.

If a School Board member's participation from a remote location due to a personal matter is disapproved, such disapproval is recorded in the minutes with specificity.

- C. A School Board member may participate in a meeting by electronic means pursuant subsections A and B above only when:
- a quorum of the School Board is physically assembled at one primary or central meeting location; and
 - the School Board makes arrangements for the voice of the remote participant to be heard by all persons at the primary or central meeting location.

II. Quorum Not Physically Assembled

The School Board may meet by electronic communication means without a quorum physically assembled at one location when the Governor has declared a state of emergency in accordance with Va. Code § 44-146.17, provided

- the catastrophic nature of the declared emergency makes it impracticable or unsafe to assemble a quorum in a single location, and
- the purpose of the meeting is to address the emergency.

If it holds a meeting pursuant to this section, the School Board

- gives public notice using the best available method given the nature of the emergency contemporaneously with the notice provided members of the School Board; and
- makes arrangements for public access to the meeting.

For any meeting conducted pursuant to this section, the nature of the emergency, the fact that the meeting was held by electronic communication means and the type of electronic communication means by which the meeting was held are stated in the minutes of the meeting.

Adopted: July 9, 2007

Revised: August 11, 2008; August 12, 2013; May 12, 2014; September 8, 2014; November 9, 2015; June 29, 2017; September 10, 2018

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3701, 2.2-3707, 2.2-3708.2, 2.2-3710.

Cross Ref.: BDDG Minutes

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NOTIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Regular Meetings

The School Board and any committees thereof shall give notice of the date, time, and location of their regular meetings by posting such notice on its website, placing a notice in a prominent public location at which notices are regularly posted and in the office of the clerk of the School Board at least three working days prior to the meeting. In addition, the School Board and any committees thereof shall publish notice of their meetings by electronic means whenever feasible. At least one copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and other nonexempt materials furnished to members of the School Board and any committees thereof shall be made available for public inspection at the same time the documents are furnished to members of the School Board or committee.

Special Meetings

Notice, reasonable under the circumstance, of special, emergency or continued meetings shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided to members of the School Board or committee.

Notification of Closed Meetings Held Solely for the Purpose of Interviewing Candidates for the Position of Superintendent

The notice provisions described above do not apply to closed meetings of the Board held solely for the purpose of interviewing candidates for the position of superintendent. Prior to any such closed meeting the School Board shall announce in an open meeting that such closed meeting shall be held at a disclosed or undisclosed location within fifteen days thereafter.

Direct Notification

Notice of all School Board meetings and committee meetings shall be furnished directly to any person who requests such information. Requests to be notified of all meetings should be made at least once a year in writing and include the requester's name, address, zip code, daytime telephone number, electronic mail address, if available, and organization, if any. Unless the person making the request objects, the school division may provide electronic notice of all meetings in response to such requests.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 13, 2009; May 13, 2013; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3707, 2.2-3712.

Cross Refs.:	BCE	School Board Committees
	BCEA	Disciplinary Committee
	BCF	Advisory Committees to the School Board
	BDA	Regular School Board Meetings
	BDB	Special School Board Meetings

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AGENDA PREPARATION AND DISSEMINATION

The preparation of the agenda is the responsibility of the School Board chairman with the assistance of the superintendent. Any member of the School Board may submit items for inclusion on the proposed agenda.

A copy of the proposed agenda and all agenda packets and materials is made available for inspection by the public at the same time such documents are furnished to the School Board members unless the materials are exempt under the Virginia Freedom of Information Act.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 9, 2007; May 12, 2014; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3707, 22.1-78.

Cross Ref.:	BDA	Regular School Board Meetings
	BDB	Special School Board Meetings
	BDDA	Notification of School Board Meetings

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QUORUM

At any meeting of the Prince George School Board, a majority of the Board constitutes a quorum.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 13, 2015

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-73.

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RULES OF ORDER

The Prince George School Board establishes rules of order and may adopt bylaws, policies and regulations.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August, 8, 2011; July 13, 2015

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-78.

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School Board Rules of Procedure

I. Regular Meetings.

A. The School Board shall hold regular meetings on the second Monday of each month at six thirty in the evening (6:30 P.M.); provided, however, that when a day fixed for any regular meeting of the School Board falls upon a day designated by law as a legal holiday, such meeting may be held at the same hour on the next succeeding day not a holiday.

B. All regular meetings of the School Board shall be held in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room in the County Administration Building, located in the County at 6602 County Drive, or such other public location within the Commonwealth as agreed upon by a majority of School Board, provided that three (3) to five (5) days' notice is given to the public of such a change of meeting place. All reports, resolutions, contract documents, or other matters submitted to the School Board shall, no later than 10:00 A.M. of the last Wednesday prior to each regular School Board meeting, be delivered to the Clerk of the Board, whereupon the Clerk shall immediately arrange a list of such matters according to the Order of Business and furnish each member of the School Board, the Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendents with a copy of the same, and all reports of officers, resolutions, and contracts listed thereon, prior to the School Board meeting and as far in advance of the meeting as the time for preparation will permit. Notwithstanding any other rule to the contrary, in order for any resolution to be acted upon at any regular meeting, a copy must be so furnished by the Clerk; or it must be placed on the agenda by not less than two-thirds of all of the members of Board in the case of an emergency resolution; or by the unanimous consent of all of the members of Board in the case of other resolutions.

II. Special Meetings.

Special meetings of the School Board may be held if necessary when called by the Chairman or when requested by two or more members. Special meetings may be called provided each member is duly notified, or a reasonable attempt has been made to notify each member. Notice, reasonable under the circumstances, shall be given contemporaneously with the notice provided to members of the School Board.

No business shall be transacted at such meeting that does not come within the purposes set forth in the call of the meeting unless the quorum present is in unanimous agreement to consider additional items of business.

III. Closed Meeting.

A majority of the members of the School Board may by a recorded vote hold a closed meeting in compliance with the Virginia Freedom of Information Act. Upon the conclusion of a closed meeting each member of School Board shall certify that, to the best of the member's knowledge, only public business matters lawfully exempted from the open meeting requirements of the Act and identified in the motion pursuant to which the closed meeting was convened were heard, discussed or considered. An opportunity shall be given any member who does not intend

to so certify to state for the minutes his reasons, after which a roll call shall be taken. An affirmative vote shall constitute certification of compliance.

IV. Quorum and Voting.

A majority of all the members of the School Board shall constitute a quorum to do business, but a smaller number may adjourn from time to time.

The official vote on all decisions that are unanimous shall be recorded in the official minutes. The minutes of the meeting shall reflect the method and result of all votes. In any case in which there is a tie vote of the School Board when all members are not present, the tie vote shall defeat the motion, resolution or issue voted upon.

V. Roll Call.

Before proceeding with the business of the School Board, the Clerk shall call the roll of the members, and the names of those present shall be entered in the minutes.

The roll for the purposes of ascertaining attendance and voting shall be arranged alphabetically with the exception of the Presiding Officer, whose name in all events shall be called last among School Board Members.

VI. Order of Business.

All meetings of the School Board shall be open to the public and any citizen may have access to the minutes and records thereof at all reasonable times, except as provided in paragraph III herein. Promptly at the hour herein stated on the day of each regular meeting, the members of School Board, the Clerk of the Board, the Superintendent, and the Assistant Superintendents shall take their regular stations in the Meeting Room, and the business of the School Board shall be taken up for consideration and disposition in the following order:

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call
- III. Closed Meeting – pursuant to Section 2.2-3711 of the Code of Virginia (if needed)
- IV. Certification of Closed Meeting and Actions (if necessary)
- V. Pledge of Allegiance
- VI. Approval of Agenda
- VII. Special Recognitions
- VIII. Public Hearing (if needed)
- IX. Approval of Minutes
- X. Presentations
- XI. Public Comment – General
- XII. School Board Member Comment
- XIII. Consent Agenda
 - A. Personnel Report

- 1. New Teacher Information
- B. Board Requests
- C. Warrants
 - 1. General
 - 2. Title I
 - 3. Food Service
- XIV. Action Items
- XV. Discussion Items
- XVI. Information Items/Superintendent's Report
- XVII. Adjournment

VII. Priority of Business.

All questions relating to the priority of business shall be decided by the Chair without debate, subject to appeal to the School Board.

VIII. Rules of Debate.

A. Presiding Officer May Debate and Vote, etc. The Chairman or Vice Chairman or such other member of the School Board as may be presiding may move, second, and debate from the Chair, subject only to such limitations of debate as are by these rules imposed on all members, and shall not be deprived of any of the rights and privileges of a School Board member by reason of his acting as the Presiding Officer.

B. Getting the Floor - Improper References to be Avoided. Every member desiring to speak shall address the Chair, and, upon recognition by the Presiding Officer, shall confine himself to the question under debate, avoiding all personalities and indecorous language.

C. Interruptions. A member, once recognized, shall not be interrupted when speaking unless it is to call him to order, or as herein otherwise provided. If a member, while speaking, be called to order, he shall cease speaking until the question of order be determined, and, if in order, he shall be permitted to proceed.

D. Privilege of Closing Debate. The member of the School Board moving the adoption of an agenda item shall have the privilege of closing the debate.

E. Motion to Reconsider. A motion to reconsider any action taken by the School Board may be made only on the date such action was taken. It may be made either immediately during the same session, or at a recessed or adjourned session thereof. Such motion must be made by one on the prevailing side, but may be seconded by any member, and may be made at any time and have precedence over all other motions or while a member has the floor; it shall be debatable. Nothing herein shall be construed to prevent any member of the School Board from making or remaking the same or any other motion at a subsequent meeting of the School Board.

F. Remarks of School Board Member - When Entered in Minutes. A member of the School Board may request, through the Presiding Officer, the privilege of having an abstract of his statement on any subject under consideration by the Board entered in the minutes. If the School Board consents thereto, such statement shall be entered in the minutes.

IX. Addressing the School Board After Motion Made.

After a motion is made by the School Board, no person shall address the Board without first securing the permission of the Board so to do.

X. Manner of Addressing School Board - Time Limit.

Each person addressing the School Board shall complete a sign up sheet, located at the podium, and give to the Clerk of the Board. During Public Comment, the Presiding Officer shall ask the Clerk for the names of anyone who has signed up to speak. The Presiding Officer shall recognize the speaker who shall step up, give his name and address in an audible tone of voice for the records, and unless further time is granted by the Presiding Officer, shall limit his address to three minutes. All remarks shall be addressed to the School Board as a body and not to any member thereof. No person, other than the School Board and the person having the floor shall be permitted to enter into any discussion, either directly or through a member of the School Board, without the permission of the Presiding Officer. No question shall be asked a member of the School Board except through the Presiding Officer.

XI. Silence Constitutes Affirmative Vote.

Unless a member of the School Board states that he is not voting, his silence shall be recorded as an affirmative vote.

XII. Decorum.

A. By School Board Members. While the School Board is in session, the members must preserve order and decorum, and a member shall neither by conversation nor otherwise delay or interrupt the proceedings or the peace of the School Board nor disturb any member while speaking or refuse to obey the orders of the School Board or its Presiding Officer, except as otherwise herein provided.

B. By Persons. Any person making personal, impertinent, or slanderous remarks or who shall become boisterous while addressing the School Board shall be barred forthwith, by the Presiding Officer, from further audience before the School Board, unless permission to continue be granted by a majority vote of the School Board.

XIII. Members May File Protests Against School Board Action.

Any member shall have the right to have the reasons for his dissent from, or protest against, any action of the School Board entered in the minutes.

XIV. Actions of the School Board – When in Effect.

No resolution, rule, contract, regulation or motion of the School Board, or official conduct or action of any of its members other than that specifically provided for by law, shall become effective unless approved by the School Board in open meeting, according to these rules and as otherwise required by law. No member of the School Board shall direct, either directly or indirectly, the expenditure of public funds or the performance of any action by any school board officer or employee apart from such approval of the School Board.

XV. Rules of Order.

A. Motions - Seconding. No motion shall be put or debated unless it is seconded. When a motion is seconded it shall be stated by the Presiding Officer before a debate.

B. Motion in Possession of School Board - How Withdrawn. After a motion or resolution is stated by the Presiding Officer, it shall be deemed to be in possession of the School Board, but may be withdrawn at any time before decision or amendment, by unanimous consent of the School Board.

C. Division of Question. If the question under consideration contains several distinct propositions, any member may have the same divided when the sense admits it.

D. Precedence of Question. When a motion is under debate the only motions in order shall be: (1) to adjourn to a day certain, (2) to adjourn, (3) to lay on table, (4) the previous question, (5) to refer, (6) to amend, (7) to substitute, or (8) to postpone indefinitely or to a day certain. Of these numbers (2), (3) and (4) shall be decided without debate.

E. Amendment of Motions.

1. A motion to amend an amendment shall be in order, but one to amend an amendment to an amendment shall not be entertained by the Chair.

2. An amendment modifying the intention of a motion shall be in order, but an amendment relating to a different subject shall not be in order.

F. Substitute Motions. A substitute for any original proposition in debate may be entertained when further amendment is not admissible; if accepted by the mover of such original proposition, or by the School Board, it shall entirely supersede such original proposition, and cut off all amendments appertaining to such original proposition.

G. Suspension of Rules. The rules of order may be suspended at any time by the consent of a majority of the members present at any meeting.

XVI. Robert's Rules of Order.

Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised (1970), shall govern the deliberations of the School Board except when in conflict with any of the foregoing rules.

XVII. Adjournment.

A motion to adjourn shall always be in order and decided without debate except (1) when a member is in possession of the floor, (2) while the ayes and nays are being called, (3) when adjournment was the last preceding question, (4) when the members are voting, and (5) when it has been decided that the previous question shall be taken.

XVIII. Publication.

The Clerk of the Board shall, and is hereby directed, to have published sufficient copies of these rules of procedure for distribution to members of the School Board, Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Directors and all persons desiring a copy of the same.

Adopted: August 14, 2006

VOTING METHOD

Each School Board member's vote on every decision is recorded in the minutes of the meeting. The minutes of the meeting also reflect the method and result of all votes. No votes are taken by secret or written ballot.

In any case in which there is a tie vote of the School Board when all members are not present, the question shall be passed by until the next meeting when it shall again be voted upon even though all members are not present.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 14, 2006; May 12, 2014 (administratively); December 8, 2014

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3710, 22.1-57.3, 22.1-75.

Cross Refs.: BDD Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations
 BDDG Minutes

MINUTES

Minutes are recorded at all open meetings, approved by the School Board in regular session, signed by the clerk and chairman of the Board, and kept and stored in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Virginia.

Draft minutes and all other records of open meetings, including audio or audio/visual records, are public records open pursuant to the Virginia Freedom of Information Act as described in Policy KBA Requests for Information and Regulation KBA-R Requests for Information.

Minutes may be taken during closed meetings of the School Board, but are not required. Such minutes are not subject to mandatory public disclosure.

Minutes are not required to be taken at deliberations of study commissions or study committees, or any other committees or subcommittees appointed by the School Board except where the membership of any such commission, committee or subcommittee includes a majority of the School Board.

Minutes include, but are not limited to

- the date, time, and location of the meeting;
- the members of the School Board recorded as present and absent;
- a summary of the discussion on matters proposed, deliberated or decided; and
- a record of any votes taken.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 11; 2008; June 29, 2017

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 2.2-3704, 2.2-3707, 2.2-3712, 22.1-74.

Cross Refs.:	BDC BDD KBA KBA-R	Closed Meetings Electronic Participation in Meetings from Remote Locations Requests for Information Requests for Information
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PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT SCHOOL BOARD MEETINGS

Members of the community are invited and encouraged to attend meetings of the Prince George School Board to observe its deliberations. Any member of the community may address the Board on matters related to Prince George public schools at any regular meeting as provided in the accompanying regulation. Persons wishing to address the School Board are requested to contact the superintendent, the School Board chairman, or their designee for placement on the agenda.

The chairman is responsible for the orderly conduct of the meeting and shall rule on such matters as the appropriateness of the subject being presented and length of time for such presentation. Upon recognition by the chairman, the speaker shall address himself to the chairman and if, at the conclusion of his remarks, any member of the School Board desires further information, the member will address the speaker only with the permission of the chairman. No one will be allowed to make additional presentations until everyone who wishes to speak has an opportunity to make an initial presentation.

A reasonable period of time of three minutes designated by the School Board, will be allocated at each regular meeting for community members to present matters of concern.

Adopted: June 13, 200

Revised: August 11, 2006; May 12, 2014; July 11, 2016

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.

Cross Ref.: BDDE Rules of Order

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INFORMATION FOR PUBLIC PARTICIPATION AT BOARD MEETINGS

The Prince George School Board welcomes you...

The School Board consists of five School Board members from district one and two in Prince George County for the purpose of adopting policies for the school system, providing adequate means for executing them, and to see that they are executed.

Time and Place of Meetings

Regular meetings of the Prince George School Board are held the second Monday of each month in the Board of Supervisors Meeting Room of the County Administration Building, unless otherwise noted. Special meetings may be held by the School Board when necessary. All meetings of the School Board shall be open to the public.

Public Comment Period

The Public Comment Period is an opportunity for citizens to address the Prince George School Board concerning the services, policies, and affairs of the Prince George County Public School System. Citizens wishing to address the Board must complete a sign up sheet, located at the podium, and give it to the Clerk before speaking. Each speaker will be allotted three (3) minutes to make his/her comments. The Board Chairman may grant an additional two minutes if deemed necessary. Persons wishing to appear before the School Board are requested to contact the Superintendent, the School Board Chairperson, or their designee for placement on the agenda.

Guidelines for Citizen Participation

Speakers should state their full legal name and address prior to addressing the School Board.

Speakers will not be permitted to address or question the Superintendent, Assistant Superintendents, Board Clerk, or any other staff member directly. Questions should be directed to the Chairperson, who may, at his/her discretion, solicit a response.

Speakers must supply the Clerk, when scheduling an appearance, with a description of their topic and must confine their comments to that subject only.

Speakers appearing before the Board will not be allowed to campaign for public office, promote private business ventures, engage in personal attacks of anyone, or use profanity or vulgar language.

Applause is permitted during the awards and presentations period only.

Citizens may express their views in writing in lieu of any oral presentation.

Hearing-impaired persons may contact the Board Clerk in advance to make arrangements for an interpreter.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

BOARD POLICY MANUAL

The School Board is guided by written policies that are readily accessible to the Board, division employees, students, parents, and citizens. All division policies will be reviewed at least every five years and revised as needed.

A current copy of all division policies and regulations approved by the School Board are posted on the division's website and are available to employees and the public. Printed copies of the policies and regulations are available as needed to citizens who do not have online access. The superintendent shall ensure that an annual announcement is made at the beginning of the school year and, for parents of students who enroll later in the academic year, at the time of enrollment, advising the public regarding the availability of the policies and regulations.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 9, 2007; August 12, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:7.

Cross Ref.: BFC Policy Adoption
CH Policy Implementation

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POLICY ADOPTION

It is the responsibility of the Prince George County School Board to adopt policies for governing the school division. Prince George School Board is a member of Virginia School Boards Association (VSBA) Policy Services. As a member, the Board receives new and revised policies from VSBA based on legal research and analysis. It is the policy of Prince George County School Board that upon receipt by the division's Policy Contact person (i.e. Superintendent) of new and revised policies developed by the VSBA legal and policy staff, such policies shall be reviewed/approved by the Board as the policy of the Prince George County school division.

Policy is a basic statement of the intent of the School Board which creates rights and responsibilities for the conduct of the school division's business. Being of a dynamic nature, policies are subject to revision by the School Board.

Regulation is the manner or method of implementation of policy by the superintendent and staff, subject to change as conditions and/or circumstances may dictate.

Policies shall be developed and presented to the Board evidencing the consideration given to the views of the division's community. The final authority for adoption rests solely with the School Board.

When a proposed action of the School Board, initiated either by Board member or administration, affects existing School Board policies, the existing policy and regulation, if any, shall be referenced so that the effect of the new action will be clear.

Unless otherwise provided, when policies are adopted, altered or replaced, the new or revised policy shall become effective upon adoption.

All regulations for implementation of the policies shall be developed by or through the superintendent. They shall be presented to the School Board as information items, unless the School Board informs the Superintendent that it wants to act on a specified regulation.

Where changes in policy and/or regulations are made, these shall be prepared and distributed to all concerned for insertion into the policy and/or regulations manuals so that action of the School Board may be implemented as soon as possible.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 11, 2008; November 9, 2009 (administratively); August 12, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:7.

Underwood v. Henry County School Board, 245 Va. 127, 427 S.E.2d 330, (1993).

Cross Refs.: BF Board Policy Manual
BFE/CHD Administration in Policy Absence
CH Policy Implementation

VIOLATION OF POLICY

Violation of any policy of the Prince George County School Board will be considered as cause for suspension or dismissal.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

ADMINISTRATION IN POLICY ABSENCE

In cases where action must be taken by the school division and the School Board has provided no guidelines for administrative action, the superintendent has the power to act, but the superintendent's decisions are subject to review by the School Board at its next regular meeting. It shall be the duty of the superintendent to inform the School Board promptly of such action and of the need for policy.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 8, 2011; July 13, 2015

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 22.1-70, 22.1-78.

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BOARD-STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

The Prince George County School Board supports and encourages two-way communication between the Board and employees. The superintendent is the official representative of the School Board as its chief administrative officer in its relations and communications with its employees. A description of the two-way communication system is included in this policy manual.

Employees are encouraged to communicate their ideas and concerns in an orderly and constructive manner to the School Board and/or the administrative staff.

The School Board desires to develop and maintain the best possible working relationship with the employees of the school division. The School Board welcomes the viewpoints of employees, and it shall allow time at its meetings for employees to be heard.

The School Board does not discriminate against any employee by reason of his or her membership in an employee organization, or participation in any lawful activities of the organization.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 11, 2008, May 12, 2014

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:7.C.1.

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POLICY
BOARD-STAFF COMMUNICATIONS

- 1.0 Within the context of this policy the term “communications” is defined as the transmitting and/or receiving of information in verbal, written or other form.
- 2.0 The flow of communications between the School Board, and its employees can occur in both formal and informal ways.
 - 2.1 Formal communications shall be articulated by the Superintendent primarily through the administrative links; principals, supervisors, central administration, committees and any other organizational vehicles which, in the discretion of the School Board, can serve communications needs.
 - 2.1.1 The individual employee's first level of formal communication with the School Board is through his/her immediate supervisor.
 - 2.1.2. Employees may contact any administrator/supervisor in an effort to secure or relay information. To enhance effective communications procedures, it is suggested that contacts with administrators other than the immediate supervisor should be considered if contacts with the immediate supervisor are either nonproductive or inappropriate.
 - 2.1.3 Employees may request placement on the agenda for any regular meeting of the School Board.
 - 2.1.4 Individual employees and/or groups of employees may also communicate with the School Board by way of any of the committees which are established by the Board, i.e. Advisory Boards, Advisory Councils, etc.)
- 3.0 Informal communications are seen by the School Board to be of great importance to the effective flow of information and are therefore encouraged.
 - 3.1.1 A copy of the School Division Policy Manual shall be on file in each school library and posted on the Internet. Principals shall review the policy manual with their staffs early in each school year. The policy manual shall be made available by the principal to an employee for examination upon request.
 - 3.1.2 Principals shall hold periodic faculty meetings during which discussions are held relative to concerns about policy matters and at which time suggestions for change can be made. Any concerns are to be reduced to writing, endorsed with a recommendation by the principal, and submitted to the Superintendent for his consideration prior to a scheduled School Board Meeting.

- 3.1.3 A copy of the board minutes for all meetings shall be available for the information of personnel. Representatives from the Communications Team and the administrators are requested to be present at each meeting and will disseminate the information to all personnel. The School Board encourages the attendance of educational representatives at School Board meetings.
- 3.1.4 Elected representatives from each classification of employees shall meet with the Superintendent to discuss matters of mutual concern.
- 4.0 Employees may communicate with the School Board through formal or informal procedures as described in this policy without fear of reprisal.
- 5.0 This policy shall not affect the integrity of the grievance procedure in those incidents to which the formal grievance procedure is applicable.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 11, 2008

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER IN-SERVICE ACTIVITIES

The School Board places a high priority on the importance of a planned and continuing program of in-service education for its members. The central purpose of the program is to enhance the quality and effectiveness of public school governance in our community. The School Board shall plan specific in-service activities designed to assist School Board members in their efforts to improve their skills as members of a policy-making body; to expand their knowledge about trends, issues, and new ideas affecting the educational activities of the local schools; and, to deepen their insights into the nature of leadership in a modern democratic society.

School Board members will participate annually in high-quality professional development activities at the state, local or national levels on governance, including, but not limited to, personnel policies and practices; the evaluation of personnel; curriculum and instruction; use of data in planning and decision making; and current issues in education.

Funds shall be budgeted annually to support this program. Individual School Board members shall be reimbursed for out-of-pocket costs incurred through participation in approved activities. The School Board shall retain the authority to approve or disapprove the participation of members in planned activities. The public shall be kept informed about the School Board's continuing in-service educational activities.

The School Board regards the following as the kinds of activities and services appropriate for implementing this policy:

1. Participation in school board conferences, workshops and conventions conducted by the Virginia and the National School Boards Association.
2. Division-sponsored training sessions for School Board members.
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of school board members.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: August 8, 2005; August 11, 2008; August 12, 2013

Legal Ref.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-78, 22.1-253.13:5.

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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER COMPENSATION AND BENEFITS

Each member of the Prince George County School Board shall receive an annual salary as provided by law. No school board, whose membership is elected in whole or in part, shall be awarded a salary increase unless, upon an affirmative vote by such school board, a specific salary increase shall be approved.

Actual expenses incident to performance of official duties by a school board member may be reimbursed on presentation of an expense voucher with receipts attached. Compensation is paid for mileage incurred for attendance at a meeting of the school board and in conducting other official business of the school board.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 11, 2008

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, sections 15.2-1414.1 et seq., 22.1-32, 22.1-55, 22.1-85.

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER INSURANCE

The Prince George County School Board shall provide liability insurance, or self-insurance, for its members while performing functions or services for the school division to cover the costs and expenses incident to liability, including those for settlement, suit or satisfaction of judgment, arising from their conduct in discharging their duties or in performing functions or services for the school division.

Adopted: June 13, 2005
Revised: August 11, 2008

Legal Refs.: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, section 22.1-84.

Cross Refs.: BHD School Board Member Compensation and Benefits
EI Insurance Management

Code of Ethics for School Board Members

As a member of my local school board, I will strive to be an advocate for students and to improve public education and to that end:

1. I will have integrity in all matters and support the full development of all children and the welfare of the community, Commonwealth and Nation.
2. I will attend scheduled board meetings.
3. I will come to board meetings informed concerning the issues under consideration.
4. I will make policy decisions based on the available facts and appropriate public input.
5. I will delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent, and establish a process for accountability of administrators.
6. I will encourage individual board member expression of opinion and establish an open, two-way communication process with all segments of the community.
7. I will communicate, in accordance with board policies, public reaction and opinion regarding board policies and school programs to the full board and superintendent.
8. I will bring about desired changes through legal and ethical procedures, upholding and enforcing all laws, state regulations, and court orders pertaining to schools.
9. I will refrain from using the board position for personal or partisan gain and avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety.
10. I will respect the confidentiality of privileged information and make no individual decisions or commitments that might compromise the board or administration.
11. I will be informed about current educational issues through individual study and participation in appropriate programs, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards associations.
12. I will always remember that the foremost concern of the board is to improve and enhance the teaching and learning experience for all students in the public schools of Virginia.

Therefore, I will always strive to demonstrate appropriate behavior/conduct as a public school board member.

Adopted: June 13, 2005

Revised: July 14, 2014