

ARTICLE II: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

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POLICY 1-2.1 COMPOSITION OF THE HANOVER COUNTY SCHOOL BOARD

The Hanover County School Board shall be composed of seven (7) members, one from each of the seven magisterial districts of Hanover County.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-34 through 22.1-57.

Recodified: August 2000

POLICY 1-2.2 QUALIFICATIONS OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Qualifications

At the time of his or her appointment to office, each member of the Hanover County School Board must be a qualified voter and bona fide resident of Hanover County and the magisterial district which the School Board member represents and meet any other criteria set forth in Virginia law. If a School Board member shall cease to be a resident of Hanover County or that magisterial district which the School Board member represents, the position on the School Board shall be deemed vacant.

Ineligibility for Office

No state, county, city or town officer, no deputy of any such officer, no member of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors or Ashland Town Council, no employee of the School Board, and no father, mother, brother, sister, spouse, son, daughter, son-in-law, daughter-in-law, sister-in-law, or brother-in-law of a member of the Hanover County Board of Supervisors may, during his or her term of office, be appointed or serve as a member of the School Board or as a tie breaker for the School Board except as set forth in Virginia Code section 22.1-30, as amended.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-29, 22.1-30, 22.1-44.

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POLICY 1-2.3 APPOINTMENT OF, OATH BY, AND TERM FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

Appointment

Hanover County School Board members shall be appointed by the Hanover County Board of Supervisors. Vacancies occurring in the membership of the School Board, other than by expiration of term, shall also be filled by appointment by the Board of Supervisors.

Oath of Office

All Hanover County School Board members shall qualify by taking the oath prescribed for the officers of the Commonwealth on or before the day their term of office begins. Failure to take the oath of office within the time allowed by law renders the office vacant.

Term of Office

School Board members shall be appointed for four-year terms. Should a member be appointed to fill an unexpired term, the appointment shall be for the unexpired portion of the term.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§15.2-1522, 15.2-1524, 22.1-29, 22.1-29.1, 22.1-30,22.1-44.

Recodified: August 2000

Amended: July 16, 2003

POLICY 1-2.4 ORIENTATION/IN-SERVICE PROGRAMS

Orientation

Immediately following notification of appointment to the Hanover County School Board, each new member shall be given an orientation program under the direction of the division superintendent. Every new School Board member shall be furnished a copy of the School Board's bylaws, policies and regulations, the current budget, a copy of Virginia school laws to include the Virginia Freedom of Information Act, and other such documents deemed essential to the operation of the Hanover County Public Schools.

In-Service Programs

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 the Hanover 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 public 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; 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 for 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 National School Boards Associations.
2. Division-sponsored training sessions for School Board members.
3. Subscriptions to publications addressed to the concerns of school board members.
4. Virginia Department of Education seminars.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, § 22.1-253.13:5 (B and D).

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POLICY 1-2.5 COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

Compensation

The members of the Hanover County School Board shall be compensated at a rate not to exceed the maximum salary as provided in accordance with Virginia law. School Board members shall be awarded a salary increase only as set forth in applicable Virginia law.

Expenses

Members of the School Board shall be reimbursed for actual expenses incident to performance of official duties, including but not limited to, travel, food and lodging. School Board members shall be reimbursed for private transportation at the same rate authorized for Hanover County Public Schools employees, including travel to and from regular and special meetings.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 22.1-32, 22.1-55, 22.1-85.

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POLICY 1-2.6 REMOVAL FROM OFFICE

Any Hanover County School Board member may be removed from office in accordance with the provisions of applicable law, including but not limited to, §§ 24.2-230 through 24.2-237 of the Code of Virginia.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, §§ 24.2-230 through 24.2-237.

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