

**Policy 2322, West Virginia System of Support and Accountability
Comment Log**

Comment Period: April 10, 2024 – May 13, 2024

Action

- A/S Comment was accepted and supports the proposed policy.
- A/C Comment was accepted and resulted in changes to the proposed policy.
- N Comment was not accepted.

Date	Commenter	Comments	Action	Rationale
§126-12-6 County Board of Education Member (CBEM) Responsibilities and Processes				
4-17-2024	Joanne McConnell President Barbour County BOE Philippi, WV	<p>I see no good purpose of having audio or or visual recordings of meetings posted on county websites. Its creating additional work for a central office staff person, and it makes leaving the central office for off-site meetings complicated. Our Board schedules some meetings in our schools to draw community members in. Setting up to record at off site locations creates a hardship. Frankly, I think hearing a recording of a Board meeting with all the background noise and muffled conversations that take place by audience members, would make listening unbearable. If someone wants to view or listen to a meeting they have the opportunity to attend each and every meeting. Minutes are already on our website.</p> <p>How long would each meeting need to remain on the county website?</p> <p>Please reconsider requiring this action. I think there would be few if any constituents who</p>	N	<p>The rationale for livestreaming and recording local board meetings is to increase community engagement and transparency. Thirty county boards currently livestream video and/or audio of their meetings. Meeting minutes represent a summary of the business conducted during the meeting, but may not reflect all presentations, delegations, and other matters of public interest.</p> <p>Additional information will be provided in the WVBE Policy 2322 Training Manual and Guidance Document.</p>

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		would actually watch or listen to a meeting after the fact.		
4-25-2024	Charles F. Hedrick Superintendent Pendleton County Schools Franklin, WV	Im concerned that the live streaming of local BOE meetings may reduce the ability of local BOEs to hold meetings at their schools due to the technical issues that might arise.	N	The rationale for livestreaming and recording local board meetings is to increase community engagement and transparency. Thirty county boards currently livestream video and/or audio of their meetings. Meeting minutes represent a summary of the business conducted during the meeting, but may not reflect all presentations, delegations, and other matters of public interest.
2024-05-01 08:36:36	James G Brown Executive Director WV School Board Association Charleston WV	Section 6.1 mandates that as of July 1, 2024, local board meetings are required to be live-streamed, recorded, and subsequently posted on the county boards webpage within five business days of the meeting. The question arises whether county boards of education are obligated to retain these recordings indefinitely on their website. If so, this would entail significant cloud storage expenses. If not, should the policy specify a timeframe for retention?	N	This will be addressed in the 2322 Training Manual and Guidance Document.
2024-05-04 12:06:59	Christopher Toney Delegate West Virginia House of Delegates Beckley WV	As this policy is written, there are no suggestions concerning how board meetings in various locations should be conducted; for example, if a school board hosts a board meeting outside of the central office, including an older school in a rural area, our counties should not use internet or technology malfunctions/ connectivity problems as an excuse to prevent themselves from live-streaming and then posting video or audio within 5 days. It is important that our board	N	This will be addressed in the 2322 Training Manual and Guidance Document.

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		meetings still take place in other locations other than the county central offices, so that their presence continues to be made within various schools; however, internet connectivity and live-streaming capabilities differ in various locations. Any technology that is used should have the capability to record or livestream in multiple locations. Please list the options counties will have to accomplish these goals.		
2024-05-07 08:16:50	James G Brown Executive Director WV School Board Association Charleston WV	This section of the policy, located on page 13, mandates that starting July 1, 2024, local board meetings must be live-streamed, recorded, and posted to the county board's webpage within five business days. However, the Executive Summary, found on page 1, recommends that audio and/or video recordings be posted to the county's webpage. The policy clearly states the mandatory posting of recordings, while the Executive Summary seems to suggest it as a recommendation, creating a potential contradiction.	A/C	The executive summary has been updated.
2024-05-13 08:27:58	Richard Duncan Superintendent Roane County Schools Reedy WV	6.1 - Recording and posting requirements should also be applied to the State Board of Education.	N	WVBE Policy 1241 addresses meetings of the WVBE.
§126-12-2 Purpose				
024-05-13 08:27:58	Richard Duncan Superintendent Roane County Schools Reedy WV	2.10 – The platform currently hosted by WVDE for development, submission, and monitoring of the school and district strategic plans is restrictive and cumbersome. Forcing districts to tailor their needs and goals to a set template in a poorly-designed platform leads to the poorly-	N	Electronic county and school strategic improvement plans are a requirement of WV Code 18-2E-5. The electronic platform is designed to satisfy all the improvement plan requirements set

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		<p>developed, compliance-driven plans we currently see with short-term goals required to be annual with a very limited view of school and district operations beyond those required to be in the plans. This spends the limited and valuable time and effort available to school and district leaders more on the form than the substance.</p> <p>Strategic planning should be locally-driven, long-term, and all-encompassing of the various efforts schools and districts employ to serve their communities. Hosting the platform and mandating the template is both functionally and figuratively an example of centrally controlling a local process which contributes to its ineffectiveness.</p>		forth in the Every Student Succeeds Act.
126-12-8 School Responsibilities and Processes				
2024-05-13 08:27:58	Richard Duncan Superintendent Roane County Schools Reedy WV	8.1.b - It is very rare to see "etcetera" spelled out (and should be "et certera" if is).	N	No change necessary.