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WELCOME TO OUR NEW SUBSCRIBERS!

eMeeting – Burgin Independent, Russell County, and Kenton County Boards of Education; Danville High School, John W. Bate Middle School, Edna L. Toliver Elementary School, Mary G. Hogsett Elementary School and Jennie Rogers Elementary School, all in Danville Independent; Crab Orchard Elementary School, Highland Elementary School, Hustonville Elementary School, McKinney Elementary School, Stanford Elementary School, Waynesburg Elementary School and Lincoln County Middle School, all in Lincoln County.

SCHEDULE OF REGULAR MEETINGS

Board policy and the Open Meetings Act (KRS 61.800 to KRS 61.850) require public agencies to adopt a schedule of regular meetings that is made available to the public. A recent Open Meeting Decision (17-OMD-148)

<https://ag.ky.gov/civil/civil-enviro/orom/2017/17OMD148.doc> confirmed that posting the schedule of regular meetings in the newspaper, on a bulletin board or door are not the only methods for making the Board's regular meeting schedule available to the public. Another option could be to post the schedule on the district website.

This issue is the subject of additional analysis in this month's School Law Bulletin as furnished to subscribers. See <http://www.ksba.org/services.aspx> for subscription information.

Policy Reference 01.42

SCHOOL COUNCIL MEETINGS AND MINUTES

KSBA's eMeeting service is available to SBDM councils and provides a way for the action of the council to be recorded and spread upon the minutes as required by law. More information may be found on our website at

<http://www.ksba.org/eMeeting.aspx>.

All meetings of the council are open to the public and subject to the Open Meetings Act. Council records are also subject to Open Records Law and the state's Records Retention Schedule, Public School District.

The principal shall be the chair of the council and shall be responsible for securing minutes that record the council's actions. Minutes shall be approved by the council, kept in a permanent file along with other council records, and open to public inspection. A copy of the minutes of each council meeting shall be forwarded by the principal to the Superintendent, who shall keep the Board informed of council actions.

Policy Reference 02.423

SCHOOL EMERGENCY PLANS

The school council or, if none exists, the principal, shall adopt an emergency plan for the school that shall include procedures to be followed in cases of fire, severe weather, earthquake or a building lockdown as defined in KRS 158.164. A copy of the emergency plan, including a diagram of the facilities, shall be given to first responders, including local fire, police and emergency medical personnel.



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No later than **November 1** of each school year, the Superintendent shall send verification to the Kentucky Department of Education that all schools are in compliance with school emergency planning requirements.
Policy Reference 05.4

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

Each student shall be afforded the opportunity to begin each school day with the Pledge of Allegiance to the flag of the United States.

No student shall be required to participate in the Pledge against the student's or the parents' wishes.
Policy Reference 08.1351

STUDENT RELIGIOUS ACTIVITIES OR POLITICAL EXPRESSION

The District shall observe the rights of students to voluntarily engage in religious activities. Students may express religious or political viewpoints while at school to the same extent and under the same circumstances as other permitted activities or expression. Consistent with the Constitutions of the United States and the Commonwealth of Kentucky and law, students shall be permitted to engage in these activities and express these viewpoints, provided they do not:

1. Infringe on the rights of the school to:
 - a. maintain order and discipline;
 - b. prevent disruption of the educational process; and
 - c. determine education curriculum.
2. Harass or coerce other persons to participate in the activity.
3. Otherwise infringe on the rights of other persons.

Policy Reference 09.13

MILEAGE RATE UPDATE

If your district reimburses for mileage at the state rate, be advised that the rate per mile effective October 1 through December 31, 2017, is 42 cents per mile. This information can be reviewed quarterly via this link:

<http://finance.ky.gov/services/statewideacct/Pages/travel.aspx>

Policy References 03.125/03.225

SAVE THE DATE – UPCOMING KSBA CONFERENCES

REGIONAL MEETING SCHEDULE

DateKSBA Region

Monday, Oct. 23Third

Tuesday, Oct. 24Fourth

Thursday, Oct. 26Central Kentucky

Monday, Oct. 30Eastern Ky. South

Thursday, Nov. 2Upper Cumberland

December 1-2, 2017

Winter Symposium, Marriott Louisville East

March 2-4, 2018

KSBA Annual Conference, Galt House, Louisville

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