Washington County
BOARD OF
EDUCATION

Operating Norms

Operating Norms should be reviewed and/or revised by the full Board of Education at least at each reorganization following an election.

As Board Members we pledge to:

1. Make decisions that are in the best interest of students.
2. Show respect and treat others with courtesy by listening to all points of view, communicating openly and honestly, and maintaining confidentiality.
3. Be punctual for Board meetings and notify Board leadership of absence or delay.
4. Be prepared for participation in meetings and fully engage in the collective decision-making process.
5. Adhere to Board Communication Processes.
6. Share ideas and information.
7. Seek consensus and honor the majority decision.
8. Discuss differing opinions collectively in order to seek resolution.
9. Respect colleagues' votes after a debate has been held and a vote taken.
10. Utilize *Roberts Rules of Order* as guidance in conducting and participating in meetings in accordance with Policy BEDD, entitled "Rules of Order for Meetings (Regular Business Session)." (Training in *Roberts Rules of Order* will be provided upon request.)
11. Limit use of electronic devices during Board meetings to emergency use.
12. Recognize and celebrate accomplishments.
13. Expand our knowledge, both as an individual member and as a collective body, to enhance discussion and decision making as a member of the Board.
14. Provide 24 hours' notice, when possible but not required, to school principals prior to school visits.

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