WEST VIRGINIA LEGISLATURE
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ENROLLED

HOUSE BILL No. 1355

(By Mr. Tucker & Mr. Doff.)

Passed April 10, 1981

In Effect July 1, 1981
AN ACT to amend and reenact section four, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, relating to meetings of the county board of education; employment of teachers; public hearing concerning budget; publication of notice; compensation of members.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of West Virginia:

That section four, article five, chapter eighteen of the code of West Virginia, one thousand nine hundred thirty-one, as amended, be amended and reenacted to read as follows:

ARTICLE 5. COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION:

§18-5-4. Meetings; quorum; employment and assignment of teachers; public hearing concerning preliminary operating budget; publication of notice thereof; compensation of members; affiliation with state and national associations; dues and traveling expenses.

The board shall meet on the first Monday of January, except that in the year one thousand nine hundred eighty-two, and every year thereafter, the board shall meet on the first Monday of July, and upon the dates provided by law for the laying of levies, and at such other times as the board may fix upon its records. At any meeting as authorized above and in compliance with the provisions of article four of this chapter, the board may employ such qualified teachers, or those who will qualify by the time of entering upon their duties, necessary
to fill existing or anticipated vacancies for the current or next
ensuing school year. At a meeting of the board, on or before
the first Monday of May, the superintendent shall furnish in
writing to the board a list of those teachers to be considered
for transfer and subsequent assignment for the next ensuing
school year; all other teachers not so listed shall be considered
as reassigned to the positions held at the time of this meeting.
Such list of those recommended for transfer shall be included
in the minute record and the teachers so listed shall be notified
in writing, which notice shall be delivered in writing, by certi-
fied mail, return receipt requested, to such teachers' last-known
addresses within ten days following said board meeting, of their
having been so recommended for transfer and subsequent
assignment.

Special meetings may be called by the president or any three
members, but no business shall be transacted other than that
designated in the call.

In addition, a public hearing shall be held concerning the
preliminary operating budget for the next fiscal year not less
than ten days after such budget has been made available to the
public for inspection and within a reasonable time prior to
the submission of said budget to the West Virginia board of
education for approval and at such hearing reasonable time
shall be granted to any person or persons who wish to speak
regarding parts or all of such budget. Notice of such hearing
shall be published as a Class I legal advertisement in com-
pliance with the provisions of article three, chapter fifty-nine of
this code.

A majority of the members shall constitute the quorum
necessary for the transaction of official business.

Board members may receive compensation at a rate not to
exceed forty dollars per meeting attended. But they shall not
receive pay for more than fifty-two meetings in any one
fiscal year.

Members shall also be paid, upon the presentation of an
itemized sworn statement, for all necessary traveling expenses,
including all authorized meetings, incurred on official busi-
ness, at the order of the board.
When, by a majority vote of its members, a county board of education deems it a matter of public interest, such board may join the West Virginia school board association and the national school board association, and may pay such dues as may be prescribed by said associations and approved by action of the respective county boards. Membership dues and actual traveling expenses of board members for attending meetings of the West Virginia school board association may be paid by their respective county boards of education out of funds available to meet actual expenses of the members, but no allowance shall be made except upon sworn itemized statements.
The Joint Committee on Enrolled Bills hereby certifies that the foregoing bill is correctly enrolled.

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Chairman Senate Committee

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Chairman House Committee

Originated in the House.

Takes effect July 1, 1981.

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Clerk of the Senate

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Clerk of the House of Delegates

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President of the Senate

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Speaker House of Delegates

The within ________ this the ________ day of ________, 1981.

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Governor