

ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

To facilitate implementation of ethics regulations, the Board of Education has created a standing Board of Education advisory committee, known as the Ethics Advisory Panel ("Panel"). The Panel shall be comprised of active community members who are interested in the interpretation and application of ethics regulations. The Ethics Advisory Panel serves as an advisory committee to the Board of Education.

THE CHARGE TO THE ETHICS ADVISORY PANEL

1. Render advice as requested by school board members or employees regarding applicability and interpretation of ethics regulations.
2. Investigate complaints filed in writing regarding possible violations of ethics regulations.
3. For complaints with merit, conduct a hearing with affected parties and transmit a report to the elected Board of Education.
4. Administer the Board of Education's ethics policy and administrative regulation.

MEMBERSHIP SPECIFICATIONS

The members of the Ethics Advisory Panel shall be recommended by the Superintendent and appointed by the Board of Education. Membership on the Ethics Advisory Panel shall consist of five (5) members. Members of the Panel shall be residents of Washington County and not be members of the Board of Education, subject to its control, an employee employed by a business entity subject to the authority of the Board of Education, or the spouse of such members. Whenever possible, one (1) of the voting members should be an attorney licensed to practice law in the state of Maryland, or a paralegal, or law school professor. A member of the Panel shall be replaced by death, resignation, and/or a majority vote by the members of the Board of Education.

OPERATIONAL SPECIFICATIONS

1. The committee will report to the Board of Education as requested.

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