

## RELATIONS WITH GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES

This Board of Education recognizes that it is a quasi-public corporation. By the nature of its mission in public education at the local level, it is directly concerned with the decision reached by other governmental units at the local, state and federal level.

It shall be the intent of this Board to keep itself informed of the actions taken and contemplated by the local governing agencies, including the County Commission. At such times as may be appropriate, the Board may draft position papers and have same presented to the applicable governing agency indicating the Board's position on proposed ordinances or other contemplated action.

The importance of education at the state level is clearly indicated by the percentage of state expenditures earmarked for education. The Board shall indicate its position on proposed legislation to the executive secretary of the West Virginia School Board Association who is charged with the responsibility of lobbying for all the county boards at the state level. The Board shall also attempt to have a representative present at the periodic regional legislative sessions organized by the WVSBA. In addition, the Board shall instruct its executive secretary to communicate with area state delegates and senators as situations develop upon which they feel they should make the position of the Monroe County Board of Education known.

As the federal government becomes a greater partner in the educational process, it shall become necessary to explore areas for greater communication with our representatives and senators on the national level.