

Policy ~~6680~~ 822 – Recognition and Amenities

Revised policy and repeal of Policy 6681 (Amenities for Participants at Meetings and / or Other Occasions) effective upon passage

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2nd reading

3rd reading

Statutory authority West Virginia Code 18-5-13 (a) (2), West Virginia Board of Education Policy 1224.1

Administrative Guidelines

- i. (none)

The purpose of this policy is to permit the schools of this County to expend funds for students, parents, teachers, and community recognition programs which may include plaques, pins, token retirement gifts and awards, meals, refreshments, and other amenities.

Schools may only use funds it generates through a fund-raising or donation-soliciting activity for these student, parent, teacher and community recognition programs. Prior to commencing the activity, the school shall:

- A. publicize the activity as intended for this purpose, and;
- B. designate for this purpose the funds generated.

The Board of Education hereby affirms that the expenses incurred as listed above do serve a valid and proper public purpose. However, under no circumstances will public funds be expended for the purchase of alcoholic beverages. The Board believes that the "public purpose" served is the promotion of education, rapport with the business community, community relations, and the encouragement of nonemployees to serve as volunteers, as well as furthering other legitimate interests.

Any funds generated must be accounted for in a separate account in the General Fund and not co-mingled with other school funds.

~~WV State Board policy 1224.1~~

~~W.V. Code 18-5-13(a)(2)~~

Amenities for Participants at Meetings and/or Other Occasions

The use of public or quasi-public funds for the purchase of food and drink for consumption by school personnel is prohibited, except as provided for above and in Policy 3440, Policy 4440 and Policy 6680 840. Provided however, when deemed appropriate by the administration, private funds and donations may be used to supply food and drink during meetings attended by school personnel, students and members of the community. Title I funds may be used to purchase food and drink in connection with parent involvement activities, particularly when the activity extends through a meal time. Under no circumstances shall public funds be used to purchase alcoholic beverages.

~~State Superintendent's Interpretation, December 27, 2004~~