

SCHOOL BOARD BYLAWS

A. Standing Committees

The chairman shall appoint such standing committees as the board shall deem necessary. The purpose of such committees shall be to review requests of the administration, recommend action by the board and to assume such other duties as the chairman may assign. No committee shall have the authority to act in place of the board without the specific approval of the board nor shall they commit the board to any course of action.

There may be standing committees of three (3) members each to be appointed by the chairman. The chairman shall be an ex-officio member of each such committee.

The standing committees may include but not be limited to the following:

Business and Finance
 Instruction
 Administration and Community Relations
 Student Discipline

B. Special Committees

The chairman may appoint temporary committees as may be expedient to gather information, conduct surveys, or to perform such other tasks as may be assigned. Such special committees shall be temporary and shall terminate upon presentation of their final report to the board or at the discretion of the chairman. The work of special committees shall be confined to their specific assignment and they shall have only such authority as is directed by the board. They shall make their reports directly to the board as a whole.

Legal Reference:

Code of Va., 22.1-277 Short-term and long-term suspension, and expulsion of pupils; generally A. Pupils may be suspended or expelled from attendance at school for sufficient cause.

B. A pupil may be suspended for not more than ten school days by either the school principal, any assistant principal or in their absence any teacher. The principal, assistant principal, or teacher may suspend the pupil after giving the pupil oral or written notice of the charges against him and, if he denies them, an explanation of the facts as known to school personnel and an opportunity to present his version of what occurred. In the case of any pupil whose presence poses a continuing danger to persons or property, or whose presence is an ongoing threat of disruption, the pupil may be removed from school immediately and the notice, explanation of facts and opportunity to present his version shall be given as soon as practicable thereafter. Upon suspension of any pupil, the principal, assistant principal, or teacher responsible for such suspension shall report

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the facts of the case in writing to the division superintendent or his designee and the parent of the pupil suspended. The division superintendent or his designee shall review forthwith the action taken by the principal, assistant principal, or teacher upon a petition for such review by any party in interest and confirm or disapprove such action based on an examination of the record of the pupil's behavior. The decision of the division superintendent or his designee may be appealed to the school board or a committee thereof in accordance with regulations of the school board; however, the decision of the division superintendent or his designee shall be final if so prescribed by school board regulations.

C. A pupil may be suspended from attendance at school for more than ten days after providing written notice to the pupil and his parent of the proposed action and the reasons therefor and of the right to a hearing before the school board, or a committee thereof, or the superintendent or his designee, in accordance with regulations of the school board. If the regulations provide for a hearing by the superintendent or his designee, the regulations shall also provide for an appeal of the decision to the full school board. Such appeal shall be decided by the school board within thirty days.

If the regulations provide for a hearing by a committee of the school board, the regulations shall also provide that such committee may confirm or disapprove the suspension of a student. Any such committee of the school board shall be composed of at least three members. If the committee's decision is not unanimous, the pupil or his parent may appeal the committee's decision to the full school board. Such appeal shall be decided by the school board within thirty days.

D. Pupils may be expelled from attendance at school after written notice to the pupil and his parent of the proposed action and the reasons therefor and of the right to a hearing before the school board or a committee thereof in accordance with regulations of the school board. If the regulations provide for a hearing by a committee of the school board, the regulations shall also provide that such committee may confirm or disapprove the expulsion of a student. Any such committee of the school board shall be composed of at least three members. If the committee's decision is not unanimous, the pupil or his parent may appeal the committee's decision to the full school board. Such appeal shall be decided by the school board within thirty days.

E. For the purposes of this section, the superintendent's designee shall be a (i) trained hearing officer or (ii) professional employee within the administrative offices of the school division who reports directly to the division superintendent and who is not a school-based instructional or administrative employee.

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F. The authority provided in §22.1 -276.2 for teachers to remove students from their classes in certain instances of disruptive behavior shall not be interpreted to affect the operation of this section. (1998)

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