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### **Purpose**

It is the policy of the Board that school district officials and municipal officials maintain a close and harmonious association. Such liaison is requisite for dealing with school/community concerns and issues in **an efficient** manner while assuring prudent expenditure of tax dollars.

### **Authority**

The Board recognizes that its authority derives directly from the General Assembly, but it also is aware that the municipality and the school district must work together for the welfare of the residents. [\[1\]](#)

The Board, as an independent body, has no statutory relationship to other local governmental bodies. However, the Board may cooperate with local government units and other appropriate organizations in matters that affect district responsibilities. Such organizations may include, but not be limited to, health agencies, public libraries, museums, **law enforcement agencies** and fire departments, township supervisors, borough council, planning commissions and the courts.

In matters affecting the budgets of such agencies, the Board shall neither seek special consideration nor assume costs that properly fall outside its jurisdiction, except as prescribed by law.

The Board advocates joint expenditures of district and municipal or county funds to provide facilities from which the entire community may derive benefits. In accordance with this policy, the Board may, as either opportunity or need arises, and as it is entitled to do by law, enter into joint action agreements with the local municipal governing body in acquiring or leasing, improving, equipping, operating or maintaining such jointly used facilities. [\[2\]](#)[\[3\]](#)[\[4\]](#)[\[5\]](#)[\[6\]](#)

### **Delegation of Responsibility**

The Superintendent and each **law enforcement agency** that has jurisdiction over school property shall enter into, and update on a biennial basis, a memorandum of understanding, which shall be developed and executed in accordance with state law and regulations. [\[7\]](#)[\[8\]](#)[\[9\]](#)[\[10\]](#)

To maintain cooperation with the municipality for fiscal and facilities planning, the

~~{ } Board or its member representative~~

{X} Superintendent or designee

~~{ } Board Secretary~~

~~{ } Business Manager~~

will meet periodically with municipal officials to discuss issues of common interest.

~~{ } The public library can and should play an important role in the intellectual and educational development of district students, serving as a resource to reinforce and augment the school library and provide services and materials that may go beyond those which the school library can provide. To help achieve this end, the school district shall provide financial support for the local library.~~

NOTES:

Intergovernmental Cooperation – 53 Pa. C.S.A. 2301 et seq.

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Legal

[1. PA Const. Art. III Sec. 14](#)

[2. 24 P.S. 502](#)

[3. 24 P.S. 521](#)

[4. 24 P.S. 706](#)

[5. 24 P.S. 775](#)

[6. 24 P.S. 790](#)

[7. 24 P.S. 1306.2-B](#)

[8. 24 P.S. 1319-B](#)

[9. 22 PA Code 10.11](#)

10. Pol. 805.1

[22 PA Code 10.24](#)

[35 Pa. C.S.A. 7701](#)

Pol. 613

Pol. 805