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| <p>PRESTON COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION FILE: 4 – FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT File: 4-4 Site Acquisition Procedures</p> | <p>Last Reviewed: 6-28-10 Next Review: 7-01-12</p> |
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It shall be the practice of the Preston county Board of Education to acquire sites for school buildings which shall be in conformance with the long range building program of the district, and meet the approval of the State Department of Education.

The Board may choose to utilize a site selection committee, which includes lay citizens, in the process for reviewing all available sites. Factors to be considered in selecting a site may include the:

- ❖ number and grade level of students;
- ❖ nature of educational program;
- ❖ initial cost;
- ❖ development cost;
- ❖ availability of utilities;
- ❖ transportation systems;
- ❖ availability space for activities; and
- ❖ provision for a safe and healthful environment.

Upon a tentative selection of site(s), an architectural review will be made to determine its appropriateness. An effort will be made to purchase the site(s) by negotiation.

Pursuant to the provisions of the West Virginia School Laws, if necessary, the Board may petition the circuit court to condemn such lands, or easements in such lands necessary for educational purposes for school buildings, playgrounds, athletic fields, experiments in agriculture, or additions thereto. The rights, powers, and privileges, of eminent domain in a Board shall be coextensive with the rights, powers, and privileges of the state. Condemnation proceedings shall be in the name of the Board and according to the provisions of the State Code.

(WVC §18-5-8; §54-1-1)

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