

1 The Transylvania County Board of Education (the “board”) is a body corporate and has general
2 control and supervision of all matters pertaining to the public schools of the school system and
3 the authority to enforce the school law. All powers and duties conferred and imposed by law
4 respecting public schools, which are not expressly conferred and imposed upon some other
5 official, are conferred and imposed by law upon the board.

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7 The board will provide a system of schools; establish general policies in keeping with the needs
8 of the community and the requirements of state law; and perform all specific duties imposed by
9 law. The board considers some of its most significant duties to be the following:

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11 1. providing every student with the opportunity to receive a sound basic education as
12 defined by the North Carolina Supreme Court in *Leandro v. State*;
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14 2. providing leadership and direction through the formulation of goals and objectives,
15 especially in defining and setting high academic standards for student success;
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17 3. creating policies that establish standards, accountability, and evaluation of essential
18 operations of the school system;
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20 4. taking steps necessary to help ensure legal compliance of board and school system
21 functions;
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23 5. performing judicial functions by conducting hearings as appropriate or as required by law
24 regarding decisions of school system personnel or the board;
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26 6. hiring a superintendent, supporting the superintendent in his or her administration, and
27 evaluating and responding to recommendations made by the superintendent, including
28 recommendations pertaining to the educational program and facility needs;
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30 7. considering the budget recommended by the superintendent, presenting the budget to the
31 county commissioners, and adopting a budget after evaluating whether the county
32 commissioners’ appropriation is sufficient to support a system of free public schools; and
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- 34 8. being an advocate for the school system, for employees, and especially for students in all
35 interactions with other governmental entities and the public.

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37 Legal References: G.S. 115C-36, -40, -44, -47; *Leandro v. State*, 346 N.C. 336 (1997)

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39 Cross References:

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