Community College of Beaver County

BOARD OF TRUSTEES POLICY STATEMENT

Section 1 Bylaws, Structure, and Mission

Policy 1.110 Board Vision and Value Statement

The goal of this Board and each Trustee is to conduct ourselves to bring recognition and honor to the Community College of Beaver County. Pursuant to that goal, we adopt this vision and value statement.

- 1. The Board is committed to devoting time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of being a good Trustee.
- 2. The Board is committed to providing available, affordable, quality education to every resident of Beaver County while fulfilling its fiduciary responsibility to ensure that public monies expended by the Community College are utilized in a manner that will ensure full value to the taxpayers. The Board will act in an open, forthright, and honest manner, providing a proper balance when fulfilling the needs of the students, the College, and the taxpayers.
- 3. The Board will treat everyone in a manner which respects background, religion, culture, heritage, and values.
- 4. The Board will avoid any form of nepotism and patronage in fulfilling our responsibilities as Trustees.
- 5. The Board will avoid any real, potential, or perceived conflicts of interest, and at no time will a Board member attempt to advance a personal agenda.
- 6. The Board is committed to abiding by all federal, state, and local laws relating to College matters including the Pennsylvania Sunshine and Ethics Acts and will take action to ensure that the College likewise complies.
- 7. The Board recognizes the need to maintain student, employee, and appropriate business and negotiation information in a confidential manner. However, the Board firmly believes that confidentiality should never be applied to a situation which requires openness and will not knowingly be used as a shield for mistakes, poor judgment, or illegal acts.
- 8. The Board will govern with an emphasis on vision, encouragement of diversity, strategic and organizational leadership and will act in a proactive manner.
- 9. Members of the Board will work together in a positive and cooperative way with trust, respect, and confidence in each other to create strategy, develop policy, and ensure that proper personnel and processes are in place to implement and monitor the successful achievement of the strategic goals and objectives established by the Board.

- 10. The Board will be made up of nine (9) independent thinkers, and once the nine voices have been heard and a healthy and vigorous discussion has occurred, the decisions of the majority of the Board will be adopted by the Board and accepted by all members. In short, the Board will ultimately speak with one voice.
- 11. The Board will develop policies of accountability necessary for the internal management of the College and entrust the implementation of the policies to the College Office of the President. The Board will support the Office of the President in carrying out these responsibilities.
- 12. The Board believes that open and honest communication by and between the Board and the President is fundamental to the success of the institution.
- 13. The Board welcomes and encourages input from organizations, the media, the College administration, faculty, staff, and students regarding school operations and proposed future development.