

6Gx53-1.001 MEMBERSHIP:

The School Board shall consist of seven members elected by vote of the qualified electors of the entire county as follows:

I. Election: Members shall be elected for overlapping staggered terms of four years. Members residing in residence areas 1, 2, and 4 shall be elected at the November general election occurring in even-numbered years divisible by four. Members residing in residence areas 3, 5, 6 and 7 shall be elected at the November general election occurring in even-numbered years not divisible by four.

II. Member Residence: Each member of the Board shall reside in the residence area from which he or she is chosen but shall serve the interests of the entire county school system.

III. Residence District: For the purpose of electing members to the Board, the county will be divided into seven school board member residence areas, as stated below:

A. Number: Each residence area shall be given a number between one and seven.

B. Population: Each residence area shall, as nearly as practicable, be equal in population.

C. Changes in Boundaries: Changes in boundaries of residence areas may be made at a regular meeting of the Board, according to the following requirements and restrictions:

1. Changes shall be made only in odd-numbered years.

2. Changes in boundaries of residence areas shall not disqualify a Board member from the completion of the term to which he or she was elected.

3. Changes must be spread upon the minutes of the Board, filed with the Clerk of Circuit Court, and published at least once in a county newspaper within thirty days of the action.

D. Votes: Each registered voter in the county is entitled to vote for candidates for each School Board seat regardless of residence area. The candidate from each residence area who receives the highest number of votes in the county shall be elected.

The School Board of Polk County, Florida
Policy 1.001

Statutory Authority: Florida Statutes 1001.32, 1001.41, 1001.42, and 1001.43

Laws Implemented: Florida Statutes, Chapter 96-467; and Sections 1001.34, 1001.35, 1001.36, 1001.361, and 1001.363

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