

6Gx53-1.003 POWERS AND DUTIES:

The School Board of Polk County, Florida shall exercise, considering recommendations submitted by the District Superintendent, the general powers for all public schools, classes and courses of instruction, and all services and activities related to education in the District which are under the direction of the District school officials as follows:

I. Policy: Determine policy for the District school system.

A. Rules and Regulations: Adopt rules and regulations to supplement those of the State Board.

B. Duties and Responsibilities: Perform duties and exercise responsibility assigned by law and State Board Regulations and in addition thereto, those which it may find to be necessary for the improvement of the District school system.

II. School Program: Adopt school programs as follows:

A. Minimum Standards: Prescribe minimum standards.

B. School Calendar: Establish the school calendar annually.

C. Operation of Schools: Establish the organization and operation of schools, including school attendance areas.

1. Vocational Schools: Provide for vocational classes and schools.

2. Evening Schools: Establish such evening schools as are needed.

D. Accounting/Attendance: Provide for the proper accounting and attendance of all school age children.

E. Discipline: Adopt rules for discipline and make final decisions concerning expulsion of students.

F. Admission/Promotion: Establish criteria for the admission, classification, promotion, and graduation of students.

G. Special Groups: Provide for education of special groups.

H. Health Examinations: Provide for proper health examinations.

I. Curriculum: Adopt courses of study and provide adequate instructional aids.

J. Transportation: Assure necessary student transportation.

III. Contract: Contract, sue and be sued.

IV. Minutes/Records: Require minutes and records to be kept.

V. Property:

A. Control: Control property.

B. Approve Plans: Approve plans for locating, planning, constructing, insuring, maintaining, protecting, and when necessary, condemning, adequate school plants.

VI. Personnel/Positions: Designate positions to be filled, prescribe qualifications for these positions, and provide for the appointment, compensation, promotion, suspension, and dismissal of employees as necessary upon recommendation of the Superintendent and in accordance with the Statutes of the State of Florida.

VII. Annual Budget:

A. Approval: The Board shall approve an annual budget in order to assure students adequate educational facilities through the financial procedures authorized in Chapters 236 and 237 of Florida Statutes.

B. Budget Amendments: Pursuant to Florida Statutes 1010.04, 1011.06, 1011.07, the Board is authorized to establish policies and procedures that allow expenditures to exceed function and object budgets. Such authorization is granted by this policy, with the provision that appropriate Budget Amendments are submitted to the Board prior to approval of the Board's Annual Financial Report at the end of each fiscal year.

C. Fund Balance: The School Board understands that the financial stability of the District is key to attaining its strategic plan goals and objectives. To ensure the financial strength and stability of the District, the School Board is committed to maintaining a contingency fund/unreserved/undesignated fund balance in the

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annual general fund adopted budget of one and one-half percent (1.5%) to two and one-half percent (2.5%) of the District's general fund revenues. Fund balance shall not be appropriated without Board approval. It shall provide for temporary funding of unforeseen needs of a non-recurring nature (including, but not limited to revenue shortfalls and student enrollment under projections). It shall be separate from reserved, designated or carryover fund balances.

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

Laws Implemented:

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