

6Gx53-1.013 SCHOOL BOARD ATTORNEY:

I. The School Board shall employ a School Board attorney to act as general counsel to the School Board and to the District.

II. The School Board attorney's client is the School Board and not individual members of the School Board, the Superintendent or District staff.

III. The School Board attorney shall be authorized to represent the School Board in all legal proceedings. The School Board attorney may refer cases to outside counsel who have been approved by the School Board as provided in these rules.

IV. Individual School Board members may directly contact the School Board attorney to seek information and opinions concerning matters affecting the individual School Board members in their official capacity, the School Board and the District. In the event a request from an individual School Board member requires a substantial investment of time or resources in order to respond, the School Board attorney shall advise the member that the matter should be brought up at the next regular School Board meeting to see if a majority of the School Board authorizes the attorney to proceed.

V. The School Board attorney is authorized to approve expenditures for ancillary costs of litigation including, but not limited to, court reporters, travel expenses, expert witnesses for amounts not to exceed \$6,000.00 per item. School Board approval will be required for expense items greater than \$6,000.00. If an emergency exists which will adversely affect the School Board's legal position prior to being able to obtain Board approval, the School Board attorney is authorized to approve the expenditure after notifying individual School Board members in advance of the expenditure. The matter will be presented at the next regular School Board meeting for a determination of whether to continue the action.

VI. The Superintendent may utilize the services of the School Board attorney, as the Superintendent deems appropriate in the interest of the School Board.

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

Laws Implemented:

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Amended: