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0165 - MEETINGS

The School Board shall hold at least one (1) regular meeting each month and may conduct other meetings such as workshops, public hearings, special meetings, emergency meetings, and meetings exempt from Florida's Open Meetings lawscall special meetings as needed. See also, Bylaw 0165.1 (Agendas), Bylaw 0165.2 (Regular Meetings), Bylaw 0165.3 (Special and Emergency Meetings), Bylaw 0166 (Exempt Meetings), and Bylaw 0166.1 (Workshops).

The sessions will be held in any appropriate public place in the county, provided due public notice is given.

F.S. 1001.372

In accordance with law, all meetings at which official acts are to be taken are declared to be open public meetings, and no resolution, rule, policy, regulation, or formal action shall be considered binding except as taken or made at such a meeting. All meetings of the Board shall be open to the public, except as provided by Florida statute, and the order of business of any regular meetings shall include an opportunity for the public to address the Board, as provided in Bylaw 0169.1 below.

Meetings Conducted by Means of Communications Media Technology

Public meetings, hearings, and workshops may be conducted by means of communication media technology (i.e. electronic transmission of printed matter, audio, full-motion video, freezeframe video, compressed video, and digital video by any method available) so long as at least a guorum of Board Members are physically present at the meeting location, or provided that no final action is taken during such meetings. The virtual participation of Board Members in a meeting at which final action is to be taken shall be approved by the Board Chair for good cause.

Such meetings shall be noticed in compliance with Policy 0164 - Notice of Meetings. In addition to the requirements of Policy 0164, the meeting notice shall include the following:

- 1. an indication that the meeting will be conducted by means of communication media technology;
- 2. whether attendance may be provided by means of communication media technology; and
- 3. information as to how individuals can attend the meeting, including the locations, if any, where communications media technology facilities will be available.

Except during emergency situations, the location of all meetings conducted by means of communications media technology shall be in places normally open to the public.

In scheduling meeting locations, the Board will give consideration to providing the broadest scope of public access to the meeting where no central location for the meeting at which the public may gather is provided. This may include multiple different technology options so that the lack of technology access for members of the public does not prevent the ability to attend. The Board Chair shall conduct the meeting so as to facilitate public understanding of the proceedings, including requiring members to identify themselves before speaking, and limiting instances of multiple members speaking at the same time to the extent possible.

The ability to convene meetings utilizing communication media technology does not limit the rights of a member of the public to inspect public records.

Chapter 2017-214, Laws of Florida

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