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#### 0100 - DEFINITIONS

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws, policies, and administrative procedures, they shall have the meaning set forth below:

##### **Administrative Procedures**

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.

##### **Agreement**

A collectively negotiated contract with a recognized bargaining unit.

#### Anti-Semitism

A certain perception of the Jewish people, which may be expressed as hatred toward Jewish people, rhetorical and physical manifestations of anti-Semitism directed toward a person, his/her property, or toward Jewish community institutions or religious facilities. Anti-Semitism is treated identically to discrimination motivated by race. Examples of acts considered anti-Semitism are set forth in F.S. 1000.05.

##### **Apps and Services**

Apps and services are software (i.e., computer programs) that support the interaction of wireless communication devices over a network, or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from, and among and between staff, students, parents, Board members, and/or other stakeholders and members of the community.

##### **Board**

The School Board of Monroe County.

##### **Bylaw**

Policy of the Board for its own governance.

##### **Chairman**

The presiding officer of the Board. (See Bylaw 0163)

##### **Compulsory School Age**

All children who have attained the age of six (6) years or who will have attained the age of six (6) years by February 1st of any school year or who are older than six (6) years of age but who have not attained the age of sixteen (16) years, except as otherwise provided in Florida statute, are required to attend school regularly during the entire school term. F.S. 1003.21

##### **District**

The School District. When referencing the local School District, School District will be capitalized.

##### **District-Based Noninstructional Administrators**

Included in this classification are persons with District-level administrative or policymaking duties who have broad authority for the management of policies and general School District operations related to the noninstructional program.

Such personnel often report directly to the Superintendent and supervise other administrative employees. This classification includes assistant, associate, or deputy superintendents and directors of major noninstructional areas, such as personnel, construction, facilities, transportation, data processing, and finance. (F.S. 1012.01(3) (b))

##### **Due Process**

The safeguards to which a person is entitled in order to protect his/her rights.

##### **Full Board**

Authorized number of voting members entitled to govern the District.

##### **Information Resources**

The Board defines information resources to include any data/information in electronic, audio-visual or physical form, or any hardware or software that makes possible the storage and use of data/information. This definition includes but is not limited to electronic mail, voice mail, social media, text messages, databases, CD-ROMs/DVDs, websites, motion picture film, recorded magnetic media, photographs, digitized information, or microfilm. This also includes any equipment, computer facilities, or online services used in accessing, storing, transmitting, or retrieving electronic communications.

##### **Major Tangible Personal School Property**

Means any tangible personal property, of a nonconsumable nature, owned by the Board which has a capitalized value equal to or greater than the value defined in Florida statute and a normal life expectancy of one (1) year or more. (F.S. 274)

##### **May**

Is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

##### **Meeting**

Is any gathering which is attended by or open to all of the members of the Board, held with the intent on the part of the members of the body present to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body. All meetings shall comply with Florida laws (Sunshine Law).

**Minor Tangible Personal School Property**

Those items which are tangible, of a nonconsumable nature, with a life expectancy of one (1) year or more and with a value less than that amount defined in Florida statute. (F.S. 274)

**Parent**

Means either or both parents of a student, any guardian of a student, any person in a parental relationship to a student, or any person exercising supervisory authority over a student in place of a parent (F.S. 1000.21). Both parents will be considered to have equal rights unless a court of law decrees otherwise.

**Policy**

A general, written statement by the Board which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must or may be taken to establish and/or maintain those expectations.

**Principal**

The principal shall be the administrative and supervisory head of the school to which assigned by the Board and shall be responsible for the enforcement of all Board regulations and Florida State statutes which pertain to the office. In policy, "Principal" or "principal" implies the authority to delegate responsibilities to appropriate staff members unless prohibited by law or Board policy. F.S. 1001.41, 1012.28

**Property**

All buildings, grounds, and other real or personal school property belonging to, held by, or used by the Board shall be termed to be school property.

**Real Property**

That portion which is used as a site or school plant for purposes of carrying out the school program. This includes any equipment which is permanently attached to or is an integral part of the building or site.

**Rule**

A statement of general applicability that implements, interprets, or prescribes law or policy, or describes the procedures or practice requirements of the District. As used in this document, the term "rule" and "policy" shall have the same definition.

**School Property Custodian**

The custodian of school property is the person to whom responsibility for the custody of property under his/her control has been delegated by the Superintendent or the Board. This is not to be confused with the building custodian who is responsible for cleaning and maintaining the building and grounds.

**Shall**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" signifies a required action.)

**Social Media**

Social media are online platforms where users engage one another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consist of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication, including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, web logs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts. Apps and web services shall not be considered social media unless they are listed on the District's website as District-approved social media platforms/sites.

**Student**

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

**Superintendent**

As a Constitutional Officer under the Florida Constitution, the Superintendent is the chief executive officer of the School District. In policy, "Superintendent" or "superintendent" implies the authority to delegate responsibilities to appropriate staff members unless prohibited by law.

**Technology Resources**

The Board defines technology resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

**Textbook**

This word is used to describe the learning material duly adopted and required as standard work for the study of a particular subject. It may be bound and printed with a hard or soft cover, or it may be electronic, e.g., computer software, interactive videodisc, magnetic media, CD ROM, computer courseware, on-line service, electronic medium, or other means of conveying information.

**Vice-Chairman**

The Vice-Chairman of the Board.

**Wireless Communication Devices**

Wireless communication devices ("WCDs") include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile phones, smartphones, and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

**Work Session or Work Shop**

A meeting called by the Board Chairman, Superintendent, or a majority of the Board for the purpose of exploring matters that constitute the business of the District.

Statutory and Code of Notations - **A.** Citations to Florida statute are noted as F.S. **B.** Citations to the rules of the State Board of Education are noted as F.A.C. (Florida Administrative Code) **C.** Citations to the Federal Register are noted as F.R. **D.** Citations to the Code of Federal Regulations are noted as C.F.R. **E.** Citations to the United States Code are noted as U.S.C.

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Legal	F.S. 274
	F.S. 1001.05
	F.S. 1001.41
	F.S. 1003.21
	F.S. 1012.01(3),(b)
	F.S. 1012.28