

The School Board of Gadsden County

Bylaws & Policies

Unless a specific policy has been amended and the date of the policy was revised is noted at the bottom of that policy, the bylaws and policies of The School Board of Gadsden County were adopted on June 25, 2013, and were in effect beginning June 26, 2013.

0110 - IDENTIFICATION

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Name

The School Board of this District shall be known officially as The School Board of Gadsden County, Florida.

F.S. 1001.40

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Geographical District

The School District is comprised of all the area designated by the State as Gadsden County.

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Address

The official address of the School Board is the Max Walker Building, 35 Martin Luther King Jr. Boulevard, Quincy, Florida 32351.

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Seal

The School Board shall adopt an official seal for the District.

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Purpose of the Board

A School Board is a legal entity for providing a system of public education within a geographic area of the State of Florida. The system was created by, and is governed by, State statutes. Members of a Board are, therefore, State officers chosen by citizens to represent them and the State in the legislative management of the local schools.

The Board has the dual responsibility for implementing statutory requirements pertaining to public education and for meeting the desires of the citizens. While the Board has an obligation to determine and assess citizen desires, it is understood that when the citizens elect delegates to represent them in the conduct of specified educational programs, they, at the same time, endow their representatives with the authority to exercise their best judgment in determining policies, making decisions, and

approving procedures for carrying out the responsibility.

The Board declares and, thereby, reaffirms its intent to:

- A. maintain open communications with citizens of the District. The Board shall keep them informed of the progress and problems of the District, and the citizens shall be encouraged to bring their thoughts and concerns about the educational system to the attention of this body;
- B. establish policies and make decisions on the basis of declared educational philosophy and goals; and
- C. act as a truly representative body for citizens in all matters related to programs and operations. The Board recognizes that ultimate responsibility for public education rests with the State, but the Board has been assigned specific authority through statute, and the Board shall not relinquish or fail to exercise that authority.

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