

Office of Superintendent of Schools
Board Meeting of February 10, 1999

January 28, 1999

School Operations
Eddie T. Pearson, Deputy Superintendent

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF BOARD RULE: INITIAL READING
6GX13- 6A-1.161, INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS-SENIOR HIGH
SCHOOL**

This item is submitted for consideration by the School Board to amend its rule pertaining to interscholastic athletics to comport to changes in State Law, State Board of Education Administrative Rules, and current Board practice, and to revise outdated language and conditions.

Attached are the Notice of Intended Action and the rule proposed for amendment. Changes from the current rule are indicated by underscoring words to be added and ~~striking through~~ words to be deleted.

Authorization of the Board is requested for the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act for the amendment of Board Rule 6GX13- 6A-1.161, Interscholastic Athletics-Senior High School.

RECOMMENDED: That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, authorize the Superintendent to initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend Board Rule 6GX13- 6A-1.161, Interscholastic Athletics-Senior High School.

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NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on February 10, 1999, its intention to amend Board Rule 6GX13- 6A-1.161, Interscholastic Athletics-Senior High School, at its meeting of March 17, 1999.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: To update the language in the Board rule to coincide with the current structure and operating procedures for the interscholastic athletic programs in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

SUMMARY: Changes Board Rule 6GX13- 6A-1.161 to reflect the current structure and operating procedures for the interscholastic athletic program in Miami-Dade County Public Schools.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 230.22(2); 230.23(17) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 228.041(1)(e) AND (9); 230.03(2); 230.22(1); 230.23005(2)(3)(c) F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF March 17, 1999, which begins at 1:00 p.m., in the School Board Auditorium, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132. Persons requesting such a hearing or who wish to provide information regarding the statement of estimated regulatory costs, or to provide a proposal for a lower cost regulatory alternative as provided by Section 120.541(1), F.S., must do so in writing by March 9, 1999, to the Superintendent of Schools, Room 912, at the same address.

ANY PERSON WHO DECIDES TO APPEAL THE DECISION made by The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, with respect to this action will need to ensure the preparation of a verbatim of the proceedings, including the testimony and evidence upon which the appeal is to be based. (Section 286.0105, Florida Statutes)

A COPY OF THE PROPOSED AMENDED RULE is available for inspection and copying at cost by the public in the Citizen Information Center, Room 158, 1450 N.E. Second Avenue, Miami, Florida 33132.

Originator: Dr. Fred C. Rodgers
Supervisor: Mr. Eddie T. Pearson
Date: January 28, 1999

Instruction--Elementary and Secondary**INTERSCHOLASTIC ATHLETICS--SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL**

I. Selection by Students

All students shall be permitted to select their own school team sports activities without duress or interference by any employee.

II. Athletic Manual

Regulations to be observed by school personnel are found in the Athletic Manual which is incorporated by reference in this rule and is a part hereof. The Athletic Manual is on file in the Board Office, the Citizen Information Center, and the Office of the School Board Clerk.

III. Administrative Procedures for Senior High School Athletic Programs

~~On June 19, 1963, the Board created the position of Athletic Director for Dade County to be effective July 1, 1963. The responsibilities of this position were assigned to the Director of Senior High Schools. This title has been changed to the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities. The purpose of this position was to:~~

The Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation has the responsibility to:

- A. Provide the schools with consistent, unified leadership in their athletic programs.
- B. Provide athletic opportunities to all high school students.
- C. Provide financial aid to new schools and others needing temporary assistance.
- D. Develop and recommend policies for Board consideration which will continue the development of athletics within the overall educational program.
- E. Carry out and administer the Board's policies through the Office of the Superintendent of Schools.
- F. Interpret Board policy to the extent necessary to provide guidance for schools in areas not specifically covered by policy.

- G. Provide the management leadership on a countywide basis which will enable all schools to develop their individual athletic capabilities to the fullest extent and thereby provide the Miami-Dade County school system Public Schools (M-DCPS) with maximum benefits from balanced well-managed, and well-operated athletic programs.

IV. ~~Athletic Council~~ Greater Miami Athletic Conference

- A. ~~In carrying out the purpose of the Board's resolution, an Athletic Council, consisting of two school coaches (not more than one football coach), two business managers, and two principals, was formed to advise and recommend policy, courses of action, etc., to the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities, who shall cast a vote on any issue that is deadlocked in the Council. The members of the Council, each from different schools, will be appointed by the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities, as follows:~~

~~Two members -- maximum term of two years~~

~~Four members -- maximum term of one year~~

The Greater Miami Athletic Conference (GMAC) was formed following the dissolution of the Gold Coast Conference, from which Christopher Columbus High School was "grandfathered" into the GMAC. Other non-public schools shall not be permitted to become members of the GMAC.

- B. ~~All school principals, athletic directors, and business managers shall consult the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities where a reasonable doubt exists as to legality or propriety of any actions:~~

~~Matters referred to the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities, for decision will be in writing, and will be answered in the same manner. The Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities, may, at his/her discretion, refer such matters to the Athletic Council for advice and recommendation.~~

Any public high school within the confines of Miami-Dade County which is a member of the Florida High School Activities Association (FHSAA) may become a member of the GMAC by two-thirds vote of the member schools.

- C. ~~Minutes of each Council meeting shall be maintained and~~

~~distributed to all schools in order that each may be currently informed of proposed solutions to problems of other schools to guide them in reviewing their individual actions.~~

The Executive Committee of the GMAC shall consist of: the President; the First Vice President; the Second Vice President; the Immediate Past President; two delegated principals (M-DCPS north and M-DCPS south); two delegated athletic directors (M-DCPS north and M-DCPS south); an FHSAA Board representative; a representative of the secondary principals' group; and two members-at-large. The District Director of the Division of Athletics/Activities and Accreditation and the GMAC Executive Secretary serve as non-voting, ex-officio members. Two members from the same school may not serve on the Executive Committee at the same time.

- D. ~~Periodically, a progress report on athletics shall be sent to the Board and shall contain detailed copies of the minutes of each Athletic Council meeting.~~

The Executive Secretary shall have decision-making responsibilities relative to the supervision of the high school athletic program as prescribed in the Bylaws, Standing Rules, and Policies of the GMAC, and shall be the executive officer of this Conference.

- E. ~~The Athletic Council shall meet when necessary, and can be called into emergency session at any time by the Director, Department of School Athletics and Activities.~~

V. Athletic Director

~~The Board outlined the responsibilities of the position of Athletic Director as follows:—(assigned to District Director, Department Division of School Athletics/ and Activities and Accreditation) are as follows:~~

- A. ~~Approve all interscholastic athletic schedules of the various senior high schools in the county.~~
- B. ~~Approve the annual budget.~~
- C. ~~Approve any budget amendments that may be presented by the principal of a senior high school.~~

~~D.A.~~ Coordinate with the ~~Department of Purchasing Bureau of Procurement and Materials Management~~ procedures for competitive bidding of all purchases on behalf of the District Director, Department Division of School Athletics/and Activities and Accreditation of over \$~~400~~ 10,000. All other purchases are to be individually approved by the principal before contracts for purchases are made.

~~E.~~ ~~Receive from the bookkeeper of each senior high school a carbon copy of all requisitions drawn against school athletic accounts on the first of each calendar month, September through June, of each school year. The bookkeeper shall then provide for the auditing of these requisitions to see that expenditures are being made in keeping with existing policies.~~

~~F.B.~~ Administer a special fund to be used to aid schools in financial distress. ~~†~~This fund is to be developed by assessment of adjusted football game receipts of the senior high schools according to the following table:

first \$10,000 of adjusted gross receipts	½ of 1%
second \$10,000 of adjusted gross receipts	1%
third \$10,000 of adjusted gross receipts	1½%
fourth \$10,000 of adjusted gross receipts	2%
fifth \$10,000 of adjusted gross receipts	2½%

The District Director, Department Division of School Athletics/and Activities and Accreditation, shall develop procedures for the distribution of this money and for methods of determining the adjusted gross receipts of the various senior high schools in cooperation with the ~~Division of Financial Management Affairs~~. Each school will be notified of the amount due, and will issue a check made payable to the "Miami-Dade County Equalization Fund." This check will be forwarded to the Coral Gables Senior High School where a special fund has been created for this purpose.

~~G.C.~~ Develop and enforce special directives as shall be necessary to provide uniformity of policy within the District where uniformity is desirable, and to ensure an effective athletic program in the various senior high schools.

~~H.D.~~ Standardize the operations of the athletic departments in all high schools.

- †.E. Manage all athletic events in Miami-Dade County Public Schools, within the policies of the Florida High School Activities Association which involve more than two teams; such as, basketball tournaments and track meets.

- ‡.F. Help all schools to develop their athletic capabilities to the full extent.

- K.G. Coordinate the purchase of all athletic equipment by bid buying.

- £.H. Help develop realistic athletic budgets.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(17) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 228.041(1) (e) and ~~(7)~~ (9); 230.03(2);
230.22(1); 230.23005(2)(3)(c) F.S.

History

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA

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