

Dr. Michael M. Krop, Chair

SUBJECT: CLARIFICATION OF SCHOOL BOARD RULE 6Gx13-7E-1.02, EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES - NAMING

COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL SERVICES

School Board Rule 6Gx13-7E-1.02, Educational Facilities - Naming, was originally promulgated in 1974, and has undergone frequent revisions, additions and improvements. Unfortunately, this has resulted in wording that is sometimes unclear. Those charged with carrying out the process of naming (or renaming) schools and other facilities may encounter problems in interpretation..

To assist Board Members, administrators, and the public with following the intent of the Rule, it is advisable to direct the attorney to review the wording and suggest any changes that would provide clarification, without changing the intent of any of the sections. Obsolete language should be omitted. Redundant or repetitive phrases should be made concise.

A copy of the existing Rule is provided for reference. Attention is called to the following for the Board's consideration:

- Should guidelines for the naming of new facilities and for renaming existing facilities be separate?
- Should the time to convene the Educational Facilities Naming Committee be expanded beyond "during construction"?
- Should the Committee be asked to "oversee the process of soliciting community input," or should that be the purview of staff?
- The makeup of the committee should be clarified. Which "Superintendent" should serve? Is the "PTA President of the nearest elementary school" the most appropriate PTA representative? Who should select the representative of the municipality?
- Should the Chief of Staff coordinate the activities of the Committee, or would that responsibility be better born by the administrator in closest contact with the communities and the ACCESS Centers?
- Is it necessary for this rule to include suggestions for dedication of sections of a school, placement of plaques, or the planting of gardens and trees?
- Under what circumstances should the Chair convene a Committee to consider changing the name of a school?

**ACTION PROPOSED BY
DR. MICHAEL M. KROP:**

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida, direct the Board Attorney to review Board Rule 6Gx13-7E-1.02, Educational Facilities-Naming, and present any advisable revisions for clarity to the Board at the meeting of May 14, 2003.

Occupying

EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES--NAMING

The School Board will consider and decide upon proposed names for new school plants and renaming of existing facilities.

- I. Names to be proposed shall be selected in accordance with the following guidelines:
 - A. If the school or school facility is to be named by its location in the community, the names proposed should be descriptive and of reasonable length.
 - B. If the school or school facility is to be named for a man or woman, the names proposed should be:
 1. Those of outstanding civic, or educational leaders, or individuals who have made a significant contribution to humanity whether living or deceased, of local, national, or international prominence.
 2. If the school or school facility is to be named for a living person the eponym's consent will first be obtained.
- II. An Educational Facilities Naming Committee will be convened during construction of a new facility or by the Chair to consider the renaming of a facility and oversee the process of soliciting community input and making recommendations to the School Board for final approval.
 - A. The committee will be comprised of:
 1. the Board Chair
 2. the Board member in whose district the school or facility to be named is located
 3. the Region Superintendent
 4. the PTA President of the existing school or in the event of a new school, the PTA President of the nearest elementary school
 5. A representative of the municipality in which the school to be named is located, or if not within a

municipality, a representative of the applicable community council.

6. the Principal (non-voting)
 - B. The Chair shall appoint another Board member to the committee in the event the school or facility to be named is located in the Chair's district.
 - C. The Chief of Staff shall serve as the coordinator of the activities of the committee.
- III. Tributes to School, School Facility Staff Members or Community Person (active, retired, or deceased):

Upon occasion, student groups, school faculties, school organizations or community organizations may desire to dedicate a project at a particular school in the form of a tribute to a school staff member or community person. This may be done, with the approval of the region superintendent, in one of the following ways:

 - A. By purchase and installation of a plaque;
 - B. Through development of a patio garden with appropriate identification;
 - C. By planting a tree with appropriate identification.
- IV. The name of a new school or school facility adopted by the Board shall be permanent except when the Board determines by majority vote that a name change is desirable for good cause as a result of a positive recommendation from an appointed Educational Facilities Naming Committee. No existing facility will be renamed unless the request to do so emanates from the students, their families, the school's faculty, the community or other interest groups.

Specific Authority: 230.22(2); 230.23(22) F.S.

Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: 230.22(1) F.S.

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