

Dr. Michael M. Krop, Chair

**SUBJECT: PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF SCHOOL BOARD RULE: INITIAL
 READING 6Gx13-8C-1.23, SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

**COMMITTEE: LEGISLATIVE RELATIONS, PUBLIC RELATIONS AND PERSONNEL
 SERVICES**

At the meeting of February 12, 2003, the Board decided to suspend the rule on committee structure to begin a six month pilot program by substituting four committees for the original nine. The Board Chair served as ex officio to each committee, and every other Board member served three months as Vice Chair and three months as Chair of one of the committees.

It is my opinion that this was a successful experiment, which streamlined and provided flexibility in the process of reviewing and deliberating policy recommendations for consideration by the full Board. Therefore, I am proposing that we amend the existing rule to provide for continuation of the four committee plan. The amended rule should be in place by the November 19, 2003 Board Meeting, so that the Chair at that time could make committee assignments for the year.

To provide a smooth transition, I suggest that we extend the pilot program, maintaining current assignments, until the amendment becomes effective. Each committee may retain its officers or, at its discretion, elect a new interim Chair and Vice Chair for the extension period.

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 6Gx13-8C-1.23, School Board Committee Structure.

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

That The School Board of Miami-Dade County, Florida:

- 1) extend the pilot program; and
- 2) initiate rulemaking proceedings in accordance with the Administrative Procedure Act to amend School Board Rule 6Gx13 - 8C-1.23, School Board Committee Structure.

NOTICE OF INTENDED ACTION

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA, announced on August 20, 2003, its intention to amend Board Rule 6Gx13- 8C-1.23, School Board Committee Structure, at its meeting of October 22, 2003.

PURPOSE AND EFFECT: The revision to the Board Rule establishes four committees for the purpose of formulating, reviewing, analyzing and deliberating policy recommendation for consideration by the full Board.

SUMMARY: To establish four committees to streamline and enhance flexibility in developing policy recommendations for consideration by the full Board.

SPECIFIC LEGAL AUTHORITY UNDER WHICH RULEMAKING IS AUTHORIZED: 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.

LAW IMPLEMENTED, INTERPRETED, OR MADE SPECIFIC: 1001.32(2); 1001.41(2)(5); 1001.43(10), F.S.

IF REQUESTED, A HEARING WILL BE HELD DURING THE BOARD MEETING OF October 22, 2003, 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 September 16, 2003, 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 record 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. Michael M. Krop
Date: August 8, 2003

School Board--Methods of Operation**SCHOOL BOARD COMMITTEE STRUCTURE**

I. Objective

The objective of the School Board Committee structure is to strengthen the Board's role as policy-maker and provide the opportunity for Board members to formulate, review, analyze and deliberate policy recommendations prior to consideration by the full Board.

II. Establishment

The School Board is authorized to designate standing committees in such number as it may deem necessary for the purpose of formulating, reviewing, analyzing and deliberating policy recommendations for particular organizational areas of the school system prior to consideration by the full Board. ~~For initial implementation purposes, and s~~ Subject to change or modification as deemed necessary by the Chair due to staff reorganization, ~~nine~~ four committees are established with respect to the following organizational areas:

- A. ~~Elementary and Secondary Education and School Operations - considers matters related to pre-kindergarten through secondary curriculum and instruction, schools of choice, educational planning and assessment, exceptional student education and student services, regional, feeder pattern and school level operations of schools and attendance services and boundaries:~~

Education and School Operations - considers matters related to prekindergarten through secondary curriculum and instruction, schools of choice, educational planning and assessment, exceptional student education, student services, school operations and attendance services and boundaries; federal programs, Title I and all grants administration; adult, vocational, and alternative education and community schools and services; accountability, educational evaluation and research, educational facilities compliance, professional standards, equal educational opportunity and diversity compliance, police and district security and safety, and community services.

- B. ~~Personnel Services, Media Communications and Marketing - considers matters related to personnel, wage and salary, human resources, leave and retirement, employee support programs, teacher education and certification, media communications, public relations, information and marketing.~~

Business and Financial Services - considers matters related to budget, financial investments, procurement, risk and benefits management, information technology, facilities maintenance, plant operations, energy management, transportation, food services and building operations.

- C. ~~Federal Programs and Grants Administration - considers matters related to federal programs, Title 1 and all grants administration for the district.~~

Facilities Planning and Construction - considers matters related to real property and land acquisition, development, growth management and governmental relations, facilities planning and construction.

- D. ~~Financial Services - considers matters related to budget, financial investments, procurement, risk and benefits management and information technology.~~

Legislative Relations, Public Relations and Personnel Services - considers matters related to the School Board's legislative policies and programs, strategic planning, policy development and rulemaking; personnel, wage and salary, human resources, leave and retirement, employee support programs, teacher education certification; media communications, public relations, information and marketing, and labor relations.

- E. ~~Accountability and Compliance - considers matters related to accountability, auditing, educational evaluation and research, educational facilities compliance, professional standards, equal educational opportunity and diversity compliance, police and district security and safety, community services and labor relations.~~

- F. ~~Community, Adult and Alternative Education - considers matters related to adult education, community schools and services, alternative education and vocational education.~~

- G. ~~Legislative Relations and Policy Development - considers matters related to the School Board's legislative policies and programs at the State level as well as School Board policy development and rulemaking.~~

- H. ~~Facilities Planning and Construction - considers matters related to property and land acquisition, development, growth management and governmental relations, facilities planning and construction.~~

- I. ~~Business Services - considers all matters related to facilities maintenance, plant operations, energy management, transportation, food services and building operations.~~

III. Membership

- A. The Chair of the Board will serve as a non-voting ex-officio member of each Committee. Each Committee will be composed of ~~three~~ four Board members, appointed by the Chair of the Board. The Chair of the Board shall also designate the Chair and Vice Chair of each Committee from the ~~three~~ four members who are serving. Each Board member other than the Chair of the Board will chair one serve on two Committees.
- B. Committee appointees will serve for one year, with the Chair and Vice Chair exchanging positions after six months.
- C. Any Board member may attend any or all Committee meetings; however, only the ~~three~~ four appointed members of a Committee are empowered to vote.

IV. Powers

- A. The Chair of each Committee will call meetings of the Committee and, in collaboration with the appropriate staff liaison, will establish the agenda for each Committee meeting.
- B. The Committee may consider agenda items or matters being presented by staff to the full Board for consideration, unless such matters are not appropriate for such review. The Committee may consider other issues within the given organizational area which the Committee Chair believes should be addressed.
 - 1. Matters which are not appropriate for Committee review include the Superintendent's personnel recommendations, employee disciplinary matters, matters to be considered in Executive Session and any other matters which the full Board deems inappropriate for Committee review.
 - 2. The annual budget may be considered by the Business and Financial Affairs Services Committee, at the discretion of the Committee Chair, prior to consideration by the full Board. Should the Committee Chair choose to call a Committee meeting to review the annual budget, such meeting will be held in a budget workshop format and all Board members will be invited to attend and participate.
- C. Each Committee is authorized to invite public officials, public employees or private individuals to appear before the Committee for the purpose of obtaining information.

- D. For any matter which will be considered by the full Board, the Committee may make one of the following recommendations:
1. approval
 2. disapproval
 3. approval with modification
 4. forward to full Board with no recommendation
- E. The presence of two or more members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum for voting purposes. In the absence of a quorum, all Board agenda items scheduled to be considered by the Committee will be forwarded to the full Board with no recommendation.
- F. In the event that the Chair of a Committee is unavailable for a scheduled Committee meeting, the Vice Chair will serve as Chair. In the event the Chair and Vice Chair are unavailable, either remaining member by agreement of the membership may serve as Chair of the Committee meeting.
- G. Once considered by Committee, agenda items and matters to be considered by the full Board will be forwarded to the full Board with the Superintendent's recommendation. The full Board will also be advised of the Committee's recommendation in a manner to be determined by the Committee Chair.

V. Staff Liaison and Resource Persons

The Superintendent of Schools shall designate at least one staff liaison to each Committee, who will be responsible for staff support, including the notification of meetings, preparation of agendas, documentation of meetings by tape recording and development of reports and data for use of the Committee, as required. The staff liaison shall prepare minutes of Committee meetings in a uniform format and transmit them to the full Board prior to each regularly scheduled Board meeting.

Committee requests for reports, data and information requiring monetary expenditures or excessive use of staff time and resources must be first authorized by the full Board.

VI. Miscellaneous

- A. ~~Scheduling - each Committee will meet as often as necessary, as determined by the Committee Chair.~~ The ~~e~~Committee meetings addressing the monthly School Board agenda shall occur after the publication of the official agenda ~~over a two day period~~ and prior to the regularly scheduled monthly School Board meeting. The Chair of each Committee is responsible for scheduling the Committee meeting.

In the event that a monthly meeting is not called by the Committee Chair, the Vice Chair or a member of the Committee who wishes to convene a meeting may request the meeting through the Chair of the Committee, who shall then schedule the meeting in accordance with the notice provisions of the Sunshine Law.

- B. Sunshine Law - all Committee meetings shall be conducted in accordance with the Sunshine Law.
- ~~C. Quorum - the presence of two or more members of a Committee shall constitute a quorum for voting purposes.~~
- ~~C.~~ C. Speakers - a place on the Committee agenda shall be reserved for public input and participation.
- ~~E.~~ D. Rules of Order - Roberts Rules of Order will govern Committee meetings.

Specific Authority: ~~230.22(2); 230.23(22)~~ 1001.41(1)(2); 1001.42(22); 1001.43(10) F.S.
Law Implemented, Interpreted, or Made Specific: ~~230.03(2); 230.22(2)(5); 230.23005(10)~~
1001.32(2); 1001.41(2)(5); 1001.43(10) F.S.

History

New: 12-10-97

Amended: 3-13-02; 6-19-02

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF MIAMI-DADE COUNTY, FLORIDA