

CHAPTER 2.00 - SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND ORGANIZATION

2.051 - Emergency Policy Relating to School Board Meetings and Superintendent Authority

POLICY:

1. **Purpose.** The Board recognizes the need during this health emergency posed by the spread of COVID-19 to hold virtual or telephonic meetings as set forth in the March 17, 2020 Florida Department of Education's Additional Guidance for the 2019-2020 School Year, and for reasons allowed by Executive Order Number 20-69, DOE directive, Attorney General Opinion, or Florida Law (hereinafter referred to as "Directives").
2. **Emergency Meetings During This Time.** This Policy modifies and supersedes School Board Policy 2.05 on Board meetings. This Policy is consistent with the directives to address items during this time and hold virtual or telephonic meetings where a quorum of Board members is not required to be physically present at the meeting in order to conduct and vote upon business. These meetings must be accessible to interested members of the public who wish to attend.
3. **Public Comment.** In addition, this Policy modifies certain provisions in Policy 2.05 relating to public comment and allows public comment on agenda items through e-mailing comments to the following e-mail address publiccomment@levyk12.org, all emails received two (2) hours prior to the scheduled meeting will be provided to Board members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the School Board's website along with the minutes of the Board meeting. Public comments may also be delivered in writing to the District office at 480 Marshburn Dr., Bronson, FL. All public comments received at least two (2) hours prior to the scheduled meeting will be provided to Board members in advance of the meeting and will be posted on the School Board's website along with the minutes of the Board meeting.

The Meeting Notice shall state:

- A. How interested persons can attend virtually and
- B. The method for public comments to be made in writing.

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4. **Authority.** This policy supersedes any other policy and Policy 2.05 that is not consistent with the language herein relating to these emergency Board meetings.
5. **Superintendent Authority.** The Superintendent shall be delegated the authority to take necessary action in circumstances not provided for in Board policy, provided that such action shall be reported to the Board at the next meeting following such action.

The School Board recognizes that emergency situations may require prompt action which, under normal conditions, would be beyond the authority of the Superintendent. Accordingly, the Board delegates and assigns to the Superintendent the authority to take reasonable and necessary measures on behalf of the District in the event of an official declared emergency without first securing Board approval. The Superintendent, in cases of emergency, may suspend any part of these policies and/or procedures, provided that the Superintendent shall report the fact of and reasons at the next meeting of the Board. The Board at a regular or special meeting following any particular emergency may end the emergency authority when conditions permit.

When dangerous or threatening conditions or a civil or natural emergency make it inadvisable in the Superintendent's discretion to open a school, the Superintendent has full authority to close any school affected by those circumstances. Whenever a school is closed under the authority of this rule, the Board shall be notified of the closing and the reasons therefore as soon as possible under the circumstances.

The Superintendent shall be delegated the authority to enter into written contracts or agreements with other public or private organizations. Said contracts/agreements shall not conflict in any respect with Federal, State, or local law, or Board policy.

6. **Duration of Policy.** This policy becomes effective upon its emergency adoption. This policy shall remain effective for 90 days.

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY: 120.54(4); 120.81(1); 1001.32(2); 1001.42(28), F.S.

LAW(S) IMPLEMENTED: 120.54(4); 1001.41(1) & (3); 1001.42, including (8);
1001.43, including (10); 1001.48; 1001.49;
1001.51 F.S.

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