

IDENTIFICATION

0111

Name

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

F.S. 1001.40, 1001.41, 1001.43

0112

Geographical District

Martin County, a governmental and geographical subdivision of the State of Florida, shall constitute the geographical boundaries of the School District of Martin County, Florida.

F.S. 1001.30, 1001.41, 1001.43

0113

Address

The official address of the School Board shall be 500 East Ocean Boulevard, Stuart, Florida 34994.

F.S. 1001.41, 1001.43

0114

Seal

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

F.S. 1001.41, 1001.43

0115

Purpose of the Board

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

Therefore, the Board has the constitutional and statutory authority to operate, control, and supervise all free public schools within the District, and may exercise any power except as expressly prohibited by the State Constitution or general law.

The Board declares and, thereby, reaffirms its intent to accomplish the following:

- A. maintain two-way 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 urged to bring their aspirations and concerns about the District 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.

F.S. 1001.41, 1001.43

Effective Date: 07/01/05