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#### 0100 - **DEFINITIONS**

The bylaws of the Board of this District incorporate quotations from the laws and administrative code of the State of Wisconsin. Such quotations may be substantively altered only by appropriate legislative, judicial, or administrative action.

Whenever the following items are used in these bylaws, policies, and administrative guidelines they shall have the meaning set forth below:

##### **Administrative Guideline**

A statement, based on policy, usually written, which outlines and/or describes the means by which a policy should be implemented and which provides for the management cycle of planning, action, and assessment or evaluation.

##### **Administrator**

**An employee who holds a position of leadership over a defined function or department of the District and who reports directly to the (x) District Administrator.**

**[X ] Administrators may include the following positions: ( X ) District Bookkeeper (X) Director of Special Education and Pupil Services, (X) Director of Teaching and Learning, (X) Director of Buildings and Grounds (X) Principal, (X ) Associate/Assistant Principal, (X )Activities, Recreation and Pool Director.**

**In policy (X) and administrative guidelines, capitalization of the term Administrator may imply delegation of responsibilities, as appropriate, to staff members.**

##### **Apps and Services**

Apps and services are software (i.e., computer programs) that support the interaction of personal communication devices (as defined in Bylaw 0100, above) over a network or client-server applications in which the user interface runs in a web browser. Apps and services are used to communicate/transfer information/data that allow students to perform actions/tasks that assist them in attaining educational achievement goals/objectives, enable staff to monitor and assess their students' progress, and allow staff to perform other tasks related to their employment. Apps and services also are used to facilitate communication to, from and among and between, staff, students, parents, Board members, and/or other stakeholders and members of the community.

##### **Board**

The School Board **is** also commonly referred to as the Board of Education **shall take action that is within the comprehensive meaning of the terms "duties and powers" provided that such action is not prohibited by State or Federal law. (Chapter 118, Wis. Stats. and Chapter 120, Wis. Stats.)**.

Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

### **Bylaw**

Rule of the Board for its own governance.

### **Clerk**

The chief clerk of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.3)

### **Co-curricular**

**Activities being outside of but usually complementing the regular curriculum.**

### **District**

The School District **is the territorial unit for school administration. Districts are classified as common, union high, unified and 1st class city school districts. A joint school district is one the territory of which is not wholly in one municipality. (Chapter 115, Wis. Stats.)**.

Within these bylaws and policies, the terms Board and District may be used interchangeably, depending on the context of the policy.

### **District Administrator**

The administrative head of the School District **is** sometimes locally referred to as Superintendent. In policy **and administrative guidelines**, capitalization of the term District Administrator **may imply implies a** delegation of responsibilities, **as appropriate** to **appropriate** staff members.

### **Due Process**

Procedural due process requires prior knowledge (a posted discipline code), **a** notice of offense (accusation), and the opportunity to respond. Specific due process requirements are dependent upon the circumstances and may vary depending on such circumstances.

### **Extracurricular**

**Activities not falling within the scope of a regular curriculum.**

### **Full Board**

Authorized number of voting members entitled by law to govern the District. The full Board is the total number of Board members authorized by law regardless of the number of current sitting members.

### **Information Resources**

The Board defines information resources to include any data/information in electronic, audio-visual or physical form, or any hardware or software that makes possible the storage and use of data/information. This definition includes but is not limited to electronic mail, voice mail, social media, text messages, databases, CD-ROMs/DVDs, websites, motion picture film, recorded magnetic media, photographs, digitized information, or microfilm. This also includes any equipment, computer facilities, or online services used in accessing, storing, transmitting or retrieving electronic communications.

### **Law Enforcement Officer(s) or Agency(ies)**

These terms include any local, State, or Federal law enforcement agency of competent jurisdiction and its officers acting within their legal authority.

### **Legal Custodian of Records**

The School District will designate one (1) District Records Custodian (DRC) to be the legal custodian of records for the District. The DRC shall keep and preserve the public records of the District and is granted authority to render a decision and carry out duties related to those public records. The DRC is designated in Policy 8310 - Public Records.

## **May**

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is permitted but not required.

## **Medical Advisor**

The School District is required to appoint a medical advisor. The medical advisor shall be a licensed physician and will participate in the annual review of the District emergency nursing services plan. The School District may also have the medical advisor fulfill other roles. PI 8.01(2, g)3

## **Meeting**

Any gathering which is attended by or open to all of the members of the Board held with the intent on the part of the members of the body present to discuss or act as a unit upon the specific public business of that body. Wis. Stat. 19.82(2)

## **Non-curricular**

**A non-curriculum-related student group or club that does not directly relate to the body of courses offered by the school.**

## **Parent**

The natural or adoptive parents or the party designated by the courts as the legal guardian, custodian, or surrogate of a student. Both parents will be considered to have equal rights unless a court of law decrees otherwise.

## **Personal Communication Devices**

Personal communication devices ("PCDs") include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile phones, smartphones, and/or other web-enabled devices of any type.

## **Policy**

A general, written statement by the governing Board which defines its expectations or position on a particular matter and authorizes appropriate action that must or may be taken to establish and/or maintains those expectations.

## **President**

The chief executive officer of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.1)

## **Principal**

The educational leader and head administrator of one (1) or more District schools. In policy and administrative guidelines, **capitalization of the term Principal may imply implies delegation of authority to delegate responsibilities, as appropriate, to appropriate members of his/her staff. staff members.**

## **Professional Staff Member**

District employees who ~~t~~ are either certified teachers employed in a position for which certification is a requirement of employment or administrative employees who are responsible for oversight or supervision of a component or components of the District's operation, or serve as assistants to such persons, regardless of whether they hold an administrative contract or are required to have administrator certification, but excluding the District Administrator/Superintendent.

## **Relative**

The mother, father, sister, brother, spouse, domestic partner, parent of spouse/domestic partner, child or step-child, grandparents, grandchild, dependent or member of the immediate household.

## **School Nurse**

A school nurse is a registered nurse who meets the requirements of Wis. Stat. Sec. 115.001(11). A school nurse has the authority to exclude students for signs of illness.

## School Official

Except if otherwise defined in policy, a **A** school official is a person employed by the Board as an administrator, supervisor, teacher/instructor (including substitutes), or support staff member (including health or medical staff and law enforcement unit personnel) or a person serving on the Board. ~~; a person or company with whom the Board has contracted to perform a special task (such as an attorney, auditor, or medical consultant); a contractor, consultant, volunteer or other party to whom the Board has outsourced a service otherwise performed by Board employees (e.g. a therapist); or a parent or student serving on an official committee, such as a disciplinary or grievance committee, or assisting another school official in performing his/her tasks (including volunteers).~~

## Shall

This word is used when an action by the Board or its designee is required. (The word "will" or "must" signifies a required action.)

## Social Media

Social media are online platforms where users engage with another and/or share information and ideas through text, video, or pictures. Social media consists of any form of online publication or presence that allows interactive communication, including, but not limited to, text messaging, instant messaging, websites, web logs ("blogs"), wikis, online forums (e.g., chat rooms), virtual worlds, and social networks. Examples of social media include, but are not limited to, Facebook, Facebook Messenger, Google Hangouts, Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube, Flickr, Instagram, Pinterest, Skype, and Facetime. Social media does not include sending or receiving e-mail through the use of District-issued e-mail accounts. ~~Apps and services shall not be considered social media unless they are listed on the District's website as District-approved social media platforms/sites.~~

## Student

A person who is officially enrolled in a school or program of the District.

## Superintendent

Sometimes the administrative head-of the School District is referred to as Superintendent, but has the authority of the District Administrator by law. In policy, capitalization of the term "S" in Superintendent may imply implies delegation of responsibilities, as appropriate, to ~~appropriate~~ staff members.

## Support Staff

Any employee who provides support to the District's program and whose position does not require a professional certificate. This category includes special education paraprofessionals, even though it is a requirement to hold a special education program aide license issued by the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction (DPI) or another valid and current DPI license or permit.

## Technology Resources

The Board defines technology resources to include computers, laptops, tablets, e-readers, cellular/mobile telephones, smartphones, web-enabled devices, video and/or audio recording equipment, SLR and DSLR cameras, projectors, software and operating systems that work on any device, copy machines, printers and scanners, information storage devices (including mobile/portable storage devices such as external hard drives, CDs/DVDs, USB thumb drives and memory chips), the computer network, Internet connection, and online educational services and apps.

## Treasurer

The chief financial officer of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.4)

## Vice-President

The Vice-President of the Board. (See Bylaw 0171.2)

## Voting

A vote at a meeting of the Board. The law requires that Board members must be present in order to have their vote officially recorded in the Board minutes and to be available for a roll call vote. A Board member's presence at a meeting includes his/her presence if attending by telephone or other manner of remote access, so long as such remote access is compliant

with State law. No voting by Proxy may be recorded or counted in an official vote of the Board. Remote access during quasi-judicial functions (e.g. termination hearings, expulsions) may be permitted after consultation with legal counsel.

Citations to Wisconsin statutes are shown by the Section Number (e.g., 120.11, Wis. Stats.). Citations to the Wisconsin Administrative Code are prefaced P.I. (e.g., P.I. 11). Citations to the United States Code are noted as U.S.C., Federal Register are noted as F.R., and the Code of Federal Regulations as C.F.R.

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