



CENTRAL FLORIDA PUBLIC SCHOOL BOARDS COALITION

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Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida
 Representing 1,000,000 Florida Students and their families.

BYLAWS

ARTICLE I – NAME

The name of the organization shall be the **Central Florida Public School Boards Coalition**.

ARTICLE II – PURPOSE

Purpose: To address public educational issues impacting Central Florida. As such this Coalition does not endorse any programs or products. The focus shall be advocacy and best practice sharing.

Rationale: Creating public schools of national prominence is essential to the economic development, vitality and quality of life in Florida.

Goals:

1. To insure a consistent and sufficient revenue stream to support schools of national prominence
2. To positively impact legislation that will ensure our ability to increase student achievement
3. To provide input on rules and regulations prior to implementation

ARTICLE III – MEMBERSHIP

Charter membership shall consist of the school districts of: Brevard, Lake, Orange, Osceola, Polk, Seminole and Volusia.

June 2004 membership expansion includes the school districts of: Manatee and Hillsborough.

June 2007 membership expansion includes the school district of: Marion.

June 2015 membership expansion includes the school districts of: Highlands, Pasco, and Sumter.

Expansion of membership may be considered annually at the June reorganization meeting. School districts, considered to be located in Central Florida, interested in joining may submit a letter of interest and application by May 1st and ensure district representation at the Coalition’s June meeting. The Coalition will consider new membership based on the *Commonalities* determined in the development of the Coalition and described below:

- Geography (Central Florida region including the “High Tech Corridor”)
- Size (medium to large districts)
- Need for resources
- High growth district with unmet capital needs
- Efficiently run school districts
- Shared legislators

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ARTICLE IV – COALITION MEMBERS

The Members shall consist of three representatives appointed by each membership district. Each district's appointments to the Coalition shall reflect representatives from the following positions:

- School Board Member or School Board Member alternate
- Superintendent or designee
- Lobbyist or designee

ARTICLE V – ATTENDANCE

Regular attendance by each member district is important and necessary to maintain an effective, strong focus with regards to the Coalition's common educational issues. If a district fails to have representation at four consecutive scheduled meetings, the CFPSBC Chairman shall notify the Chairman of the Board of the offending School District and remind them of their commitment to support the Coalition by regular attendance and their pledge to be an active participant in the governance of the Coalition and all decisions made by the Coalition. The offending School District will then be given two months to respond as to whether or not they wish to continue their membership in the Coalition.

ARTICLE VI - OFFICERS

Section I: The executive officers of the Coalition shall be known as the Chairman and Vice Chairman. The Vice Chairman will assume the position of Chairman at the completion of the current Chairman's term.

Section II: The Coalition's Voting Members shall nominate and elect individuals to serve as Executive Officers annually at the Coalition's December meeting. Should an Officer be unable to serve the full term to which he or she has been elected, then a replacement to fill the unexpired term shall be selected from the existing Members by the Members at the next scheduled meeting of the Coalition.

ARTICLE VII – DUTIES OF OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

Section I: The Chairman shall develop and distribute meeting agendas, preside at all meetings of the Coalition, and appoint committees and assign duties as necessary.

Section II: In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice Chairman shall fulfill above described duties.

Section III: The Members shall review and implement initiatives relating to legislative proposals, concerns, and related activities to achieve the Coalition's goals and objectives.

ARTICLE VIII – VOTING

Only the membership district's "School Board Member representative or School Board Member alternate" shall have voting privileges.

ARTICLE IX – MEETINGS

Section I: The Members shall meet in accordance with the calendar of meetings determined at the first Coalition meeting of each new school year and/or upon the call of the Chairman.

Section II: Summaries of meetings of the Coalition shall be maintained on file and sent to each member of the Coalition as well as each membership district's School Board Members.

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ARTICLE X – QUORUM

A majority of the Members shall constitute a quorum of that body.

ARTICLE XI – DUES

Section I: \$100 shall be collected from each membership district. The funds shall be used for miscellaneous costs associated with the operation of the Coalition. Additional collections of \$100 from each membership school district shall be made when the fund balance becomes less than \$300.

Section II: A financial record of expenses shall be maintained and reported at the September meeting.

ARTICLE XII – OPERATION

Section I: The following responsibilities shall be fulfilled by Seminole County Public Schools' staff unless reassigned to another school district by the Coalition's Members:

- Maintain financial records
- File maintenance

Section II: The following responsibilities shall be fulfilled by the staff of the Chair's district:

- Development/maintenance of Members database
- Meeting notification including notification to media contacts provided by each membership district
- Attend each meeting and record, prepare and distribute meeting summaries to all members

Section III: Coalition meetings will be located at a school district elected annually by the Members at its June meeting. The "host district" shall fulfill the following responsibilities:

- Provide space and set-up for each Coalition meeting
- Ensure that attendance log is completed for each Coalition meeting

ARTICLE XIII – AMENDMENTS

These Bylaws may be amended and ratified by a two-thirds vote of the Voting Members present at any regular Coalition meeting.

ARTICLE XIV – STATUS

The Coalition shall be non-partisan.

Adopted: October 18, 2004

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