



POLICY 7.04

4-A I recommend that the Board adopt the proposed revised Policy 7.04, entitled “Ceremonies for New Schools and Ancillary Facilities.”

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Adoption

CONSENT ITEM

- The Board approved development of this revised Policy at the development reading on March 25, 2009.
- This proposed revision establishes guidelines for groundbreaking, dedication or rededication of schools and ancillary facilities of the School District.
- Revisions proposed to the policy include the following:
 - Definitions for groundbreaking and dedication.
 - The Superintendent or designee to coordinate such ceremonies for facilities other than schools, or in the absence of a school principal.
- This revision also updates statutory references.

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CEREMONIES FOR NEW SCHOOLS AND ANCILLARY FACILITIES

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3 1. **Purpose.** -- To establish guidelines for groundbreaking or dedication services.

4 2. **Scope.** -- This policy applies to all schools or locations.

5 3. **Definitions.**

6 *Groundbreaking* – A ground breaking is a formal ceremony to celebrate the
7 beginning of construction for a new school or building on a new site or a
8 replacement school or building at a new or an existing site.

9 *Dedication* – A dedication or rededication is a formal ceremony to celebrate the
10 official opening of a new school or building, room, wing, addition, or a reopening of
11 an existing school or building.

12 4. **Policy Statement.** The School Board recognizes that many schools/locations may
13 wish to celebrate the beginning of new construction or major renovation or the
14 official opening of a new school or addition through a formal ceremony. Having
15 such a ceremony would publicize the improvements being made in our schools
16 through the use of public funds. All ceremonies such as ground breaking,
17 cornerstone laying, and dedication of a school shall be conducted by the Board, the
18 Superintendent, staff and members of the community as coordinated by the
19 principal appointed to the school, or as coordinated by the Superintendent or
20 designee.

21 5. **Responsibility.**

22 a. The Superintendent or designee is responsible for determining if a formal
23 ceremony will be held.

24 b. The principal or designee is responsible for coordinating any groundbreaking
25 or dedication ceremony at the school; and the Superintendent or designee is
26 responsible for coordinating any groundbreaking or dedication ceremony at
27 locations other than schools. In the absence of a school principal, the
28 Superintendent or designee shall coordinate the ceremony.

29 c. The Department of Public Affairs is responsible for coordinating the public
30 information regarding a ceremony with the school, contractor and appropriate
31 administrative personnel or the Superintendent or designee.

32 STATUTORY AUTHORITY: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.41; 1001.42 ~~230.22(2)~~

33 LAWS IMPLEMENTED: Fla. Stat. §§ 1001.42 ~~230.22(2)~~

34 HISTORY: April 6, 1983; ___/___2009

Legal Signoff:

The Legal Department has reviewed proposed Policy 7.04 and finds it legally sufficient for development by the Board.

Attorney

Date