

Policy Guide

Section: Local Board Procedures

Title: MEETINGS

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<p>SC 407 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Section 1 <u>Parliamentary Authority</u></p> <p>All Board meetings shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner. Robert's Rules of Order shall be a guide for the Board in its deliberations in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with law, state regulations or Board procedures.</p>
<p>SC 422</p>	<p>Section 2 <u>Quorum</u></p> <p>A quorum shall consist of a majority of the members of the Board. No business shall be transacted at a meeting without a quorum, but the Board members present at such a meeting may adjourn to another time.</p>
<p>SC 405, 426, 427, 428</p>	<p>Section 3 <u>Presiding Officer</u></p> <p>The President shall preside at all Board meetings. In the absence, disability or disqualification of the President, the Vice-President shall act instead. If neither person is present, a Board member shall be elected President pro tempore by a plurality of those present to preside at that meeting only. The act of any person shall be legal and binding.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703,709</p>	<p>Section 4 <u>Notice</u></p> <p>Notice of all public Board meetings, including committee meetings and work sessions shall be given by publication of the date, place, and time of such meetings in the newspaper(s) of general circulation designated by the Board and posting of such notice at the administrative offices of the Board.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703,709</p>	<p>a. Notice of the regular meeting shall be given by publication and posting of schedule showing the date, place and time of all regular meetings for the calendar year at least three (3) days prior to the time of the first regular meeting.</p>

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<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709</p>	<p>b. Notice of all special meetings shall be given by publication and posting of notice at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting, except that such notice shall be waived when a special meeting is called to deal with an actual emergency involving a clear and present danger to life or property.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709</p>	<p>c. Notice of all rescheduled meetings shall be given by publication and posting of notice at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting.</p>
<p>65 Pa C.S.A. Sec. 703</p>	<p>d. Notice of all recessed or reconvened meetings shall be given by posting a notice of the place, date and time of meeting and sending copies of such notice to interested parties.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 709</p>	<p>e. Notice of all public meetings shall be given to any newspaper circulating in Blair County and any radio or television station which so requests. Notice of all public meetings shall be given to any individual who so requests and provides a stamped, addressed envelope for such notification.</p>
<p>SC 423 65 Pa. C.S.A.</p>	<p>Notice of all rescheduled and special meetings shall be given to Board members no later than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting.</p>
	<p>Section 5. <u>Regular Meetings</u></p>
<p>SC 421 65Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Regular Board meetings shall be public and shall be held at specified places at least once every two (2) months.</p>
	<p>a. Agenda</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in cooperation with the Board Secretary, to prepare an agenda of the items of business to come before the Board at each regular meeting.</p> <p>The agenda, together with all relevant reports, shall be provided each Board member at least 24 hours prior to the time of the meeting.</p> <p>b. Order of Business</p> <p>The order of business for regular meetings shall be as follows, unless altered by the President or a majority of the present and voting.</p> <p>Call to Order; Moment of Silence and Pledge of Allegiance; Agenda Review and Executive Session Announcements; Roll Call; Minutes; Citizens' Forum; Treasurer's Report; Budget Transfers; Bills; Financial Reports, Information Reports; Curriculum Reports; Board Reports; Board Action, Other Information; Adjournment.</p>

<p>SC 423, 426 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u></p> <p>Special meetings may be called for special or general purposes and shall be public except when conducted as an executive session for purposes authorized by the Sunshine Act.</p>
<p>SC 426</p>	<p>The President may call a special meeting at any time and shall call a special meeting upon presentation of the written requests of three (3) Board members. Upon the failure or refusal to call a special meeting, such meeting may be called at any time by a majority of the Board members.</p>
<p>SC 423</p>	<p>No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that named in the call sent to members for such special meeting.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq Pol. 903</p>	<p>Section 7. <u>Public Participation</u></p> <p>District residents or District taxpayers present at a Board meeting may address the Board in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy.</p>
<p>SC 609, 687 SC 687 SC 634 SC 324</p>	<p>Section 8. <u>Voting</u></p> <p>All motions shall require for adoption a majority vote of those Board members present and voting, except as provided by statute or Board procedures.</p> <p>All votes on motions and resolutions shall be by voice vote unless an oral roll call vote is requested by the President or another Board member.</p> <p>a. The following actions require the recorded affirmative votes of two-thirds of the full number of Board members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Transfer of budgeted funds during the fiscal year.</li> <li>2. Incur a temporary debt to meet an emergency or catastrophe.</li> <li>3. Incur a temporary debt to borrow money upon an obligation.</li> <li>4. Elect to a teaching position a person who has served as a Board member and who has resigned.</li> </ol>
<p>SC 707</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>5. Convey land or building to the municipality co-terminus with the school district in accordance with law.</li> </ol>
<p>SC 803</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>6. Adopt or change textbooks without the recommendation of the Superintendent.</li> </ol>
<p>SC 1129</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>7. Dismiss after hearing of a tenured professional employee.</li> </ol>
<p>SC 508 SC 508, Pol. 108 SC 508,1071,1076 SC 508 SC 508, Pol. 604</p>	<p>b. The following actions require the recorded affirmative votes of a majority of the full number of Board members:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Fixing the length of school term.</li> <li>2. Adopting textbooks recommended by the Superintendent.</li> <li>3. Appointing the district Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent.</li> <li>4. Appointing teachers and principals.</li> <li>5. Adopting the annual budget.</li> </ol>

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<p>SC 508, Pol. 005, 606                  SC 508, Pol. 605                  SC 508                  SC 508                  SC 508, Pol. 107                  SC 508                  SC 508, 621</p>	<p>6. Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.                  7. Levying and assessing taxes.                  8. Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.                  9. Locating new buildings or changing the location of old ones.                  10. Adopting planned instruction.                  11. Establishing additional schools or departments.                  12. Designating depositories for school funds.                  13. Expending district funds.</p>
<p>SC 687, Pol. 612</p>	<p>14. Authorizing the transfer of any unencumbered balance, or portion thereof, from one appropriation to another, or from one spending agency to another during the last 9 months of the fiscal year.</p>
<p>SC 508, Pol. 610</p>	<p>15. Entering into contracts of any kind, including contracts for the purchase of fuel or any supplies where the amount involved exceeds \$100 (including items subject to \$10,000 bid requirements).</p>
<p>SC 508</p>	<p>16. Fixing salaries or compensation of officers, teachers or other appointees of the Board.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>17. Combining or reorganizing into a larger school district.</p>
<p>SC 508</p>	<p>18. Entering into contracts with and making appropriations to the intermediate unit for the district's proportionate share of the cost of services provided or to be provided by the intermediate unit.</p>
<p>SC 508, 514, 1080</p>	<p>19. Dismissal, after hearing, of a non-tenured employee.</p>
<p>SC 212</p>	<p>20. Adopting a corporate seal for the district.</p>
<p>SC 702</p>	<p>21. Determining the location and amount of any real estate required by the school district for school purposes.</p>
<p>SC 708</p>	<p>22. Vacating and abandoning property to which the Board has title.</p>
<p>SC 1503</p>	<p>23. Determining the holidays, other than those provided by statute, to be observed by special exercises and those on which the schools shall be closed for the whole day.</p>
<p>Pol. 004</p>	<p>24. Removing a school director.</p>
<p>Pol. 004</p>	<p>25. Declaring that a vacancy exists on the Board by reason of the failure or neglect of a school director to qualify.</p>
<p>Pol. 005</p>	<p>26. Removing an officer of the Board.</p>
<p>Pol. 005</p>	<p>27. Removing an appointee of the Board.</p>
<p>Pol. 003</p>	<p>28. Adopting, amending or repealing Board procedures and policy.</p>
<p></p>	<p>29. Appoint or elect personnel.</p>
<p></p>	<p>Section 9. <u>Minutes</u></p>
<p>SC 518                  65 Pa. C.S.A.                  Sec. 706</p>	<p>The Board shall cause to be made and retain as a permanent record of the district, minutes of all open meetings of the Board. Said minutes shall be comprehensible and complete and shall show:</p>
<p></p>	<p>a. Date, place, and time of the meeting.</p>
<p></p>	<p>b. Names of Board members present.</p>
<p></p>	<p>c. Presiding officer.</p>
<p></p>	<p>d. Substance of all official actions.</p>
<p></p>	<p>e. Actions taken.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A.</p>	<p>f. Recorded votes and a record by individual members of all roll call votes taken.</p>
<p>Sec. 705</p>	<p>g. Names of all residents who appeared officially and the subject of their testimony.</p>

<p>Sc 407</p>	<p>The Board Secretary shall provide each Board member with a copy of the minutes of the last meeting prior to the next regular meeting.</p>
<p>SC 433</p>	<p>The minutes of Board meetings shall be approved at the next succeeding meeting and signed by the Board Secretary.</p>
<p>SC 407, Pol. 800, 801</p>	<p>Notations and any tape or audiovisual recordings shall not be the official record of a public Board meeting but may be available for public access, upon request, in accordance with Board Policy. Any notations and/or audiovisual recordings of a Board meeting shall be retained and disposed of in accordance with the district's records retention schedule.</p> <p>Section 10. <u>Recess/Reconvene</u></p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709 Pol. 006</p>	<p>The Board may at any time recess or reconvene to a reconvened meeting at a specified date and place, upon the majority vote of those present. The reconvened meeting shall immediately take up its business at the point in the agenda where the motion to recess was acted upon. Notice of the reconvened meeting shall be given as provided in Board policy.</p> <p>Section 11. <u>Executive Session</u></p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 707, 708</p>	<p>The Board may hold an executive session, which is not an open meeting, before; during; at the conclusion of a public meeting; or at some other time. The presiding officer shall announce the reason for holding the executive session; the announcement can be made at the public meeting prior to or after the executive session.</p> <p>The Board will hold Executive Sessions in accordance with the provisions of Section 708 of the Sunshine Law, 65 Pa. C.S.A. §708.</p> <p>Official actions based on discussions held in executive session shall be taken at a public meeting.</p> <p>Section 12. <u>Work Sessions</u></p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq Pol. 006</p>	<p>The Board may meet as a Committee of the Whole in a public meeting to discuss issues. Public notice of such meetings shall be made in accordance with Board Procedures.</p> <p>A meeting of the Committee of the Whole, not regularly scheduled, may be called at any time by the president; the President shall call such a meeting when requested to do so by Board members. Public notice of the meeting shall be made in accordance with Board procedures.</p>

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<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709</p>	<p>The Board Secretary shall provide notice of a meeting of the Committee of the Whole in accordance with Board procedures.</p> <p>Section 13. Committee Meetings</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709 Pol. 006</p>	<p>Standing committee meetings may be called at any time by the committee chairperson with proper public notice.</p> <p>A majority of the total membership of the committee shall constitute a quorum.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.</p>	<p>Unless held as an executive session, standing committee meetings shall be open to the public, other Board members, and the Superintendent.</p> <p>A majority of the committee or the chairperson may invite Board employees, consultants, or other persons who have special knowledge of an area under discussion.</p> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 212, 224, 324, 405, 407, 408, 421, 422, 423, 426, 427, 428, 433, 508, 514, 518, 609, 621, 634, 665, 671, 687, 702, 707, 708, 803, 1071, 1075, 1076, 1077, 1080, 1111, 1129, 1503</p> <p>Sunshine Act - 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.</p> <p>Board Policy - 003, 004, 005, 006, 107, 108, 604, 605, 606, 610, 612, 800, 801, 903</p>