

SUSQUEHANNA TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: MEETINGS

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	006. MEETINGS
SC 407 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq	<p>Section 1. <u>Parliamentary Authority</u></p> <p>All Board meetings shall be conducted in an orderly and business-like manner. O. Garfield Jones’s Parliamentary Procedure at a Glance shall govern the Board in its deliberations in all cases in which it is not inconsistent with law, state regulations or Board procedures.</p>
SC 422	<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 recess and reconvene to another time.</p>
SC 405, 426, 427, 428	<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.</p>
65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709	<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, posting of such notice at the administrative offices of the Board, and electronically on the district’s website.</p>
65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709	<p>a. Notice of regular meetings shall be given at least three (3) days prior to the time of the first regular meeting.</p>

<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709</p>	<p>b. Notice of all special meetings shall be given 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 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 the meeting.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 709</p>	<p>e. Notice of all public meetings shall be given to any newspaper(s) circulating in Dauphin 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. Sec. 709</p>	<p>Notice of all rescheduled meetings 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 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Regular meetings of the Board shall be public and shall be held at specified places at least once per month.</p> <p>a. Agenda</p> <p>It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in cooperation with the Board President, to prepare an agenda of the items of business to come before the Board at each regular meeting. The agenda shall be made available electronically to the Board 3 business days prior to the regular meeting.</p> <p>The Superintendent shall provide to all Board members, no later than 3 business days prior to each regular meeting, all background material pertinent to the agenda of the meeting, together with any other material the Superintendent deems to be of informational value.</p> <p>The agenda for public Board meetings shall be made available electronically to the public 48 hours prior to the regular meeting.</p>

<p>SC 423, 426 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p> <p>SC 426</p> <p>SC 423</p> <p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq Pol. 903</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 those present and voting:</p> <p>Call to Order Approval of Agenda Items Hearing of the Public Presentations and Discussions Approval of Minutes Program Personnel Finances Policy Other Adjournment</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>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 President's 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>No business shall be transacted at any special meeting except that named in the call sent to members for such special meeting.</p> <p>Section 7. <u>Hearing Of The Public</u></p> <p>District residents or taxpayers present at a Board meeting may address the Board in accordance with law and Board procedures and policy.</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>
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	<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>
SC 609, 687	1. Transfer of budgeted funds during the first three (3) months of the fiscal year.
SC 687	2. Incur a temporary debt to meet an emergency or catastrophe.
SC 324	3. Elect to a teaching position a person who has served as a Board member and who has resigned.
SC 707	4. Convey land or buildings to the municipality co-terminus with the school district in accordance with law.
SC 803	5. Adopt or change textbooks without the recommendation of the Superintendent.
SC 1129	6. Dismiss, after a hearing, a tenured professional employee.
	b. The following actions require the recorded affirmative votes of a majority of the full number of Board members:
SC 508	1. Fixing the length of school term.
SC 508 Pol. 108	2. Adopting textbooks recommended by the Superintendent.
SC 508, 1071, 1076	3. Appointing the district Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent(s).
SC 508	4. Appointing teachers and principals.
SC 508 Pol. 604	5. Adopting the annual budget.
SC 508 Pol. 005, 606	6. Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.
SC 508 Pol. 605	7. Levying and assessing taxes.

SC 508	8. Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.
SC 508	9. Locating new buildings or changing the location of old ones.
SC 508 Pol. 107	10. Adopting planned instruction (formerly courses of study).
SC 508	11. Establishing additional schools or departments.
SC 508, 621	12. Designating depositories for school funds.
	13. Expending district funds.
SC 687 Pol. 612	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 nine (9) months of the fiscal year.
SC 508 Pol. 610	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).
SC 508	16. Fixing salaries or compensation of officers, teachers, or other appointees of the Board.
SC 224	17. Combining or reorganizing into a larger school district.
SC 508	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.
SC 508, 514, 1080	19. Dismissing, after a hearing, a nontenured employee.
SC 212	20. Adopting a corporate seal for the district.
SC 702	21. Determining the location and amount of any real estate required by the school district for school purposes.
SC 708	22. Vacating and abandoning property to which the Board has title.
SC 1503	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>Pol. 004 Pol. 003</p>	<p>24. Declaring that a vacancy exists on the Board by reason of the failure or neglect of a school director to qualify.</p> <p>25. Adopting, amending or repealing Board procedures and policy.</p>
<p>SC 518 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 706</p>	<p>Section 9. <u>Minutes</u></p> <p>The Board shall cause to be made, and shall retain as a permanent record of the district, minutes of all open Board meetings. Said minutes shall be comprehensible and complete and shall show:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Date, place, and time of the meeting. b. Names of Board members present. c. Presiding officer. d. Substance of all official actions.
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 705</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> e. Recorded votes and a record by individual member of all roll call votes taken. f. Names of all residents who appeared officially and the subject of their testimony.
<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 regular 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 an open public Board meeting and should be destroyed once they have served their purpose, which normally will be deemed ninety (90) calendar days</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 703, 709 Pol. 006</p>	<p>Section 10. <u>Recess/Reconvene</u></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>

65 Pa. C.S.A.
Sec. 707, 708

Section 11. Executive Session

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.

The Board may discuss the following matters in executive session:

- a. Employment issues.
- b. Labor relations.
- c. Purchase or lease of real estate.
- d. Consultation with an attorney or other professional advisor regarding potential litigation or identifiable complaints that may lead to litigation.
- e. Matters that must be conducted in private to protect a lawful privilege or confidentiality.

Official actions based on discussions held in executive session shall be taken at a public meeting.

Section 12. Work Sessions

1. The Board may meet as a Committee of the Whole in an open meeting to vote on or to discuss issues. Public notice of such meetings shall be made in accordance with Board policy.

2. Work sessions shall be public and shall be held no less than one (1) week prior to the regular Board meetings.

3. 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 three (3) Board members. Public notice of the meeting shall be made in accordance with Pol. 006, 4.b.

4. Should the President fail or refuse to call a meeting of the Committee of the Whole, such a meeting may be called at any time by a majority of the members of the Board.

Section 13. Committee Meetings

1. Committee meetings may be called at any time by the committee chairperson, with proper public notice, or when requested to do so.

References:

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

Sunshine Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq.

Board Policy – 000, 003, 004, 005, 006, 107, 108, 604, 605, 606, 610, 612, 800, 801, 903

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