

BOARD ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING

The Board of Education recognizes its obligation to hold an annual organizational meeting. The purpose of the organizational meeting is to elect officers of the Board and make the proper appointments and designations of other district employees for the proper management of the school district during the school year.

The Board will hold its annual organizational meeting on the first Tuesday in July. The Board may alternately hold the meeting on a date during the first 15 days in July that is not a legal holiday. The Board will choose this date by resolution at a Board meeting before July.

The District Clerk shall call the meeting to order, and shall preside until the election of a new president. The order of business to be conducted at the organizational meeting shall include items required or implied by state law and/or regulation. The Board may also conduct general district business, including properly entering into executive session, if necessary, at the end of the meeting before adjourning.

I. Oath of Office

The District Clerk shall administer and countersign the oath of office to newly-elected Board members. The oath shall conform to Article XIII-1 of the New York State Constitution, and Section 10 of the Public Officers Law. No new Board member shall be permitted to vote until he/she has taken the oath of office.

II. Election of Board Officers

The Board shall elect a president and vice-president for the ensuing year, and administer the oath of office to them. A majority of all members of the Board shall be necessary for a valid election.

III. Appointment of District Officers

The Board shall appoint and the Board President or Superintendent shall administer the oath of office to the following district officers:

District Treasurer
District Clerk
Claims Auditor

Deputy Treasurer
Tax Collector

IV. Appointment of Other Positions

The Board shall appoint and establish the stipend (if any) for the following positions:

School Physician	School Attorney
Special Counsels	Insurance Consultant
Designated Education Official	Attendance Officer
Internal Auditor	Records Access Officer
Independent Auditor	Records Management Officer
Audit Committee	Parent Surrogates
Title IX/Section 504 Hearing Officer(s)	Asbestos Designee
Treasurer(s) of Student Activity Accounts	Purchasing Agent
Election Clerks and Inspectors	Deputy Purchasing Agent
Committee on Special Education (CSE)	Other Consultants
Committee on Preschool Special Education (CPSE)	
Homeless Liaison	

V. Bonding of Personnel

The Board may bond the following personnel handling district funds:

District Clerk	School Attorney
Tax Collector	Claims Auditor
District Treasurer	Deputy Treasurer
Treasurer of Student Activity Account	

The Board may, in each instance, specify the amount of the bond it intends to obtain. The Board may include any of the above officers in a blanket undertaking, pursuant to law and Commissioner's Regulations, rather than bond individuals.

VI. Designations

The Board shall designate/approve:

- Official depositories for district funds
- Official district newspapers
- The Law Enforcement Unit
- The day and time of regular meetings
- The rate for mileage reimbursement
- The calendar for the upcoming school year
- The prices for school meals
- The pay rates for substitutes

The Board shall also adopt the rotational list of impartial hearing officers for the district as provided by the State Education Department.

VII. Authorizations:

- a. of person to certify payrolls;
- b. of contracts for student services (such as health, cafeteria), and tuition contracts, when necessary;
- c. of attendance at conferences, conventions, workshops, etc., with designated expenses;
- d. to establish petty cash funds (and to set amount of such funds);
- e. to designate authorized signatures on checks;
- f. of Board and district memberships in professional organizations;
- g. to offer school district employee and officer indemnification under Public Officer's Law §18;
- h. of positions entitled to use district-owned cell phones and credit cards;
- i. of Board representative(s) for appointing Impartial Hearing Officers; and
- j. of Superintendent of Schools to approve budget transfers and the monetary limits of such transfers
- k. standing Board of Education Committees

The Board shall re-adopt its existing District policies.

The Board shall also review building-level student attendance data as required under Commissioner's Regulations section 104.1, and if the data shows a decline in attendance rates, shall review its policy on Attendance (5100).

Cross-ref: 2270, School Attorney
 2220, Board Officers
 2230, Appointed Board Officials
 2310, Regular Meetings
 5100, Attendance
 5252, Student Activities Funds Management
 5300, Code of Conduct
 6240, Investments
 6650, Claims Auditor
 6680, Internal Audit Function
 6690, Audit Committee
 6700, Purchasing
 6741, Contracting for Professional Services

Ref: New York State Constitution, Article XIII, §1
 General Municipal Law §103(2) (official newspapers)

Public Officers Law §§10; 13; 30

Education Law §§ 305(31) (designated educational official); 701 (meeting to elect president, may elect vice president); 1707 (date of meeting); 2130 (appoint clerk, bonded treasurer and bonded tax collector); 2504 (small city meeting during the first week of July, day and time of regular meetings)

8 NYCRR § 104.1 (requirement to review attendance data)

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