

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: MEETINGS

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POTTSGROVE SCHOOL DISTRICT

	<p style="text-align: center;">006. MEETINGS</p> <p>Section 1. <u>Rules of Order</u></p> <p>65 P.S. 701 et seq The rules of order for Board meetings and work sessions shall be those based on past usage and those currently utilized by the Board President and acquiesced in by a majority of those members present. At any time a member of the Board feels that the President is not proceeding in accordance with past procedures and/or the best interest of the Board, that member may ask for an immediate vote of those members present to change the procedure currently being utilized by the President to one which the majority of those present prefer. Any such changes shall only be valid in the current instance. Changes of a continuing nature may only be instituted by an assenting vote of five (5) members and must be stated as a permanent change in procedures.</p> <p>Section 2. <u>Quorum</u></p> <p>SC 422 A quorum shall be five (5) Board members present at a meeting. 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>Section 3. <u>Presiding Officer</u></p> <p>SC 405, 426, 427, 428 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 so designated shall be legal and binding.</p>
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	<p>Section 4. <u>Notice</u></p> <p>65 P.S. 703, 709 Notice of all open public Board meetings, including committee meetings and discussion 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 the posting of such notice at the administrative offices of the Board.</p> <p>65 P.S. 703, 709 a. Notice of regular meetings shall be given by publication and posting of a schedule showing the date, place and time of all regular meetings at least three (3) days prior to the time of the first regular meeting.</p> <p>65 P.S. 703, 709 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 P.S. 703, 709 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 P.S. 703 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 P.S. 709 e. Notice of all public meetings shall be given to any newspaper(s) circulating in Montgomery County and a 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 Notice of all regular and special Board meetings shall be given to Board members prior to the time of the meeting.</p> <p>Notice of executive sessions, if not previously announced, shall be provided in writing to Board members at least twenty-four (24) hours prior to the executive session.</p>
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<p>65 P.S. 701 et seq SC 421</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Regular Meetings</u></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 President, to prepare an agenda of the items of business to come before the Board at each regular meeting. The agenda, together with all relevant reports, shall be provided each school director at least three (3) days before 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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Call to order Roll call Approval of minutes Public comments Report of the Superintendent Communications New Business Adjournment
<p>65 P.S. 701 et seq SC 426</p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Special Meetings</u></p> <p>Special meetings shall be public and may be called for special or general purposes.</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) school directors. 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>Pol. 903 65 P.S. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Section 7. <u>Hearing of The Public</u></p> <p>A member of the public present at a Board meeting may address the Board in accordance with law and Board policy and procedures.</p> <p>The purpose of hearing from citizens is to provide citizen input to the decision making process of the entire Board. Therefore, it shall not be the practice of the Board for individual members to respond to questions posed from the floor. Should a</p>

	<p>response to a procedural or other question be required that response shall be given by the Board President. Should another Board member or the Superintendent wish to respond to a comment made by a citizen that Board member or the Superintendent shall do so only with the permission of the Board President.</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>
SC 324	<p>a. The following action(s) require(s) the unanimous consent of all remaining members of the Board:</p>
	<p>1. Appoint as attorney or solicitor of the Board a Board member who has served for two (2) consecutive terms of six (6) years each, after resigning his/her office.</p>
	<p>b. The following actions require the recorded affirmative votes of two-thirds of the full number of Board members:</p>
SC 609	<p>1. Transfer of budgeted funds.</p>
SC 687	<p>2. Transfer of any unencumbered balance, or portion thereof, from one appropriation to another, or from one spending agency to another.</p>
SC 634	<p>3. Incur a temporary debt or borrow money upon such obligation.</p>
SC 665, 687	<p>4. Incur a temporary debt to meet an emergency or catastrophe.</p>
SC 324	<p>5. Elect to a teaching position a person who has served as a Board member and who has resigned.</p>
SC 707	<p>6. Convey land or buildings to the municipality co-terminus with the School District.</p>
SC 803	<p>7. Adopt or change textbooks without the recommendation of the Superintendent.</p>
SC 1129	<p>8. Dismiss, after a hearing, a tenured professional employee.</p>

<p>SC 508</p>	<p>c. The following actions require the recorded affirmative votes of a majority of the full number of Board members:</p>
<p>Pol. 108</p>	<p>1. Fixing the length of school term.</p>
<p>SC 1071, 1076</p>	<p>2. Adopting textbooks recommended by the Superintendent.</p>
<p>Pol. 604</p>	<p>3. Appointing the District Superintendent and Assistant Superintendent(s).</p>
<p>Pol. 005, 606</p>	<p>4. Appointing teachers and principals.</p>
<p>Pol. 605</p>	<p>5. Adopting the annual budget.</p>
<p>Pol. 107</p>	<p>6. Appointing tax collectors and other appointees.</p>
<p>SC 621</p>	<p>7. Levying and assessing taxes.</p>
<p>Pol. 610</p>	<p>8. Purchasing, selling, or condemning land.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>9. Locating new buildings or changing the location of old ones.</p>
<p>SC 514, 1080</p>	<p>10. Adopting planned instruction.</p>
<p>Pol. 610</p>	<p>11. Establishing additional schools or departments.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>12. Designating depositories for school funds.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>13. Expending District funds.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>14. 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 224</p>	<p>15. Fixing salaries or compensation of officers, teachers, or other appointees of the Board.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>16. Combining or reorganizing into a larger School District.</p>
<p>SC 224</p>	<p>17. 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 224</p>	<p>18. Dismissing, after a hearing, a nontenured employee.</p>

SC 212	19. Adopting a corporate seal for the District.
SC 702	20. Determining the location and amount of any real estate required by the School District for school purposes.
SC 708	21. Vacating and abandoning property to which the Board has title.
SC 1503	22. 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.
Pol. 004	23. Removing a school director.
Pol. 004	24. Declaring that a vacancy exists on the Board by reason of the failure or neglect of a school director to qualify.
Pol. 005	25. Removing an officer of the Board.
Pol. 005	26. Removing an appointee of the Board.
Pol. 003	27. Adopting, amending or repealing Board policy or procedure.
65 P.S. 706 SC 518	<p data-bbox="456 1098 724 1129">Section 9. <u>Minutes</u></p> <p data-bbox="456 1171 1520 1276">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"> <li data-bbox="456 1318 1032 1350">a. The date, place, and time of the meeting. <li data-bbox="456 1392 1000 1423">b. The names of Board members present. <li data-bbox="456 1465 789 1497">c. The presiding officer. <li data-bbox="456 1539 967 1570">d. The substance of all official actions. <li data-bbox="456 1612 699 1644">e. Actions taken. <li data-bbox="188 1686 1520 1717">65 P.S. 705 f. Recorded votes and a record by individual members of all roll call votes taken. <li data-bbox="456 1759 1438 1822">g. The names of all citizens who appeared officially and the subject of their testimony.

<p>SC 433</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>The minutes of Board meetings shall be approved at the next succeeding meeting and signed by the Board Secretary.</p> <p>Notations and any tape or audiovisual recordings shall not be the official record of an open public Board meeting.</p> <p>Section 10. <u>Adjournment</u></p>
<p>Pol. 006 65 P.S. 703, 709</p>	<p>The Board may at any time recess or adjourn to an adjourned meeting at a specified date and place, upon the majority vote of those present. The adjourned meeting shall take up its business at the point in the agenda where the motion to adjourn was acted upon. Notice of the rescheduled meeting shall be given as provided in Board policy.</p> <p>Section 11. <u>Executive Session</u></p>
<p>65 P.S. 707, 708</p>	<p>The Board may hold an executive session, which is not an open meeting, before, during, at the conclusion of an open 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 open meeting prior to or after the executive session.</p> <p>The Board may discuss the following matters in executive session:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">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. <p>Official actions based on discussions held in executive session shall be taken at a public meeting.</p>

65 P.S. 701 et seq	<p>Section 12. <u>Work Sessions</u></p> <p>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.</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 Pol. 006, 4.b.</p>
65 P.S. 703, 709	<p>The Board Secretary shall provide notice of a meeting of the Committee of the Whole as per the notice provisions of Board procedures.</p>
65 P.S. 703, 709	<p>Section 13. <u>Committee Meetings</u></p> <p>Committee meetings may be called at any time by the committee chairperson, with proper public notice, or when requested to do so.</p>
65 P.S. 701 et seq	<p>A majority of the total membership of a committee shall constitute a quorum.</p> <p>Unless held as an executive session, 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 the area under investigation.</p>