

SHALER AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

No: 005

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: ORGANIZATION

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	Section 1. <u>Organization Meeting</u>
SC 401, 402, 404, 421	The Board members shall meet and organize annually during the first week of December. Notice of the time and place of the organization meeting shall be given to all Board members by mail at least five (5) days before the meeting by the Board Secretary. The organization meeting shall be a regular meeting.
	Section 2. <u>Order</u>
SC 402, 426	The organization meeting shall be called to order by the current President or Vice-President of the outgoing Board, or any hold-over member of the Board. A temporary President shall be elected from among the hold-over members of the Board. The Board Secretary shall be secretary of the meeting. In an election year, the certificates of election or appointment of all new Board members shall be read, and a list shall be prepared of the legally elected or appointed and qualified Board members.
SC 321, 402	At the organization meeting, the temporary President may administer the oath or affirmation of office to those Board members who have not previously taken and subscribed to the same.
	Section 3. <u>Officers</u>
	Election of officers shall be by a majority vote of those present and voting. Where no such majority is achieved on the first ballot, a second ballot shall be cast for the two (2) candidates who received the greatest number of votes.
SC 404	a. The school directors shall annually, during the first week of December, elect from their members a President and Vice-President who shall serve for one (1) year.
SC 404	b. The school directors shall annually, during the month of May, elect a Treasurer who shall serve for one (1) year beginning the first day of July after such election. The Treasurer may be a corporation duly qualified and legally authorized to transact a fiduciary business in the Commonwealth, and may be a member of the Board or the district administration.
SC 436, 438 Pol. 811	The Treasurer shall not enter upon his/her duties until furnishing bond in accordance with law and with Board approval. The Treasurer shall be compensated in the manner and at the rate determined by the Board.

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<p>SC 404</p>	<p>c. The school directors shall, during the month of May in every fourth year, elect a Secretary and Assistant Secretary who shall serve a term of four (4) years beginning the first day of July following such election, and shall not be a member of the Board.</p> <p>d.. In order to foster a more active leadership role by all members of the board, the number of terms for Board Officers (President, Vice President) shall be limited to three (3) consecutive one (1) year terms. If a board member serves three (3) successive terms, s/he may not be considered as a candidate for the same board position for no less than two (2) years.</p>
<p>SC 431, 432 Pol. 811</p>	<p>The Secretary shall not enter upon his/her duties until furnishing bond in accordance with law and with Board approval. The Secretary and Assistant Secretary shall be compensated in the manner and at the rate determined by the Board.</p>
	<p>Vacancies in any office shall be filled by Board election; such officers shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term.</p>
<p>SC 324, 404</p>	<p>The same school director may not hold more than one (1) office of the Board. No commissioned officer or professional employee of the Board shall serve, temporarily or permanently, as an officer of the Board.</p>
<p>PA Const. Art. VI Sec. 7 Pol. 006</p>	<p>Officers of the Board serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed from such office by the affirmative vote of a majority of those present and voting.</p> <p>Section 4. <u>Appointments</u></p> <p>The Board shall have the authority to appoint:</p>
<p>SC 508, 683</p>	<p>a. A tax collector, where a tax collector is not elected to collect taxes, there is a vacancy, or an elected tax collector refuses to qualify.</p>
<p>SC 324, 406</p>	<p>b. Solicitor.</p>
<p>SC 434</p>	<p>c. Assistant Secretary.</p>
<p>SC 2401</p>	<p>d Independent auditor.</p>
<p>SC 516</p>	<p>e. Delegates to a state convention or association of school directors.</p>
	<p>f. Other appointments the Board deems necessary.</p>
<p>PA Const. Art. VI Sec. 7 Pol. 006</p>	<p>Appointees serve at the pleasure of the Board and may be removed from such appointment in accordance with the provisions of law.</p> <p>Section 5. <u>Resolutions</u></p> <p>The Board may at the organization meeting, but shall prior to July 1 next following,</p>

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- Members of committees shall serve until the committee is discharged.

The Board shall develop Board Operation Guidelines that describe the duties and establish procedures for the operation of standing committees.

Section 7. Consultants

The Board may appoint, employ or retain consultants to provide the district with specialized services not normally required on a continuing basis. Compensation shall be determined and approved by the Board.

The function of a consultant shall be to make studies and present recommendations to the Board. A consultant shall not be charged with the implementation of a report.

A consultant has no administrative authority over any facet of district schools, but shall act solely as advisor to the Board, officers and employees.

The use of consultants from outside the district who promote a particular commercial product is discouraged.

References:

Pennsylvania Constitution – PA Const. Art. VI Sec. 7

School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 106, 321, 324, 401, 402, 404, 406, 421, 426, 431, 432, 434, 436, 438, 508, 516, 621, 683, 1410, 2401

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

Board Policy – 006, 811