

# SOUTHEASTERN GREENE SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP

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	004. MEMBERSHIP
	Section 1. <u>Number</u>
SC 302, 303	The Board <b>does</b> consist of nine (9) members.
SC 1081	The Superintendent shall <b>have a seat on the Board</b> and <b>the right to speak on all matters</b> , but not <b>the right to</b> vote.
	Section 2. <u>Qualifications</u>
	Each member of the Board shall meet the following qualifications:
SC 322	a. Be of good moral character, be eighteen (18) years of age, shall have been a resident of the district for at least one (1) year prior to the date of his/her election or appointment, and shall not be a holder of any office or position <b>as specified in Section 322 of the School Code</b> ; nor shall <b>the individual</b> be a member of the municipal council.
SC 323	b. Shall not have been removed from any office of trust under federal, state or local laws for any malfeasance in such office.
SC 324	c. Shall not be engaged in a business transaction with the school district, be employed by the school district, or receive pay for services from the school district, except as provided by law.
SC 321	d. Shall take and subscribe to the oath or affirmation prescribed by statute before entering the duties of the office.
65 Pa. C.S.A. 1101 et seq	e. Shall file a statement of financial interests with the State Ethics Commission before taking the oath of office or entering upon his/her duties.
	Section 3. <u>Election</u>
SC 301 et seq	Election of members of the Board shall be in accordance with law.

<p>SC 315, <b>316, 317,</b> 319 <b>65 P.S. 701 et seq</b></p>	<p>Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u></p> <p>A vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation, removal from a district <b>or region</b>, or otherwise. <b>Such</b> vacancy shall be filled <b>in accordance with the Sunshine Act and</b> by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy. <b>The Board member so appointed</b> shall serve until the first Monday in December after the first municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days following his/her appointment. When a majority of the memberships are vacant, such vacancies shall be filled by the Court of Common Pleas of Greene County.</p>
<p>SC 303, 315</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Term</u></p> <p>The term of office of each <b>Board member</b> shall be four (4) years and shall expire on the first Monday of December, except that the term of <b>a Board member</b> appointed to fill a vacancy shall expire on the first Monday of December after the municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after his/her appointment. The term of <b>a Board member</b> elected to an unexpired term shall expire at the termination of that term.</p>
<p>SC 319 <b>Pol. 006</b></p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Removal</u></p> <p>Whenever a <b>Board member is no longer a</b> resident of Southeastern Greene School District, his/her membership on the Board shall cease.</p> <p>The removal of a <b>Board member</b> who resigns shall become effective upon the presentation of the resignation to the Board President and upon <b>the</b> date specified.</p> <p>A <b>Board member</b> who neglects or refuses to attend two (2) successive regular meetings of the Board, unless detained by sickness or prevented by necessary absence from the district, or if in attendance at any meeting neglects or refuses to act in his/her official capacity as a school director, may be removed from his/her office, <b>with prior notice</b>, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board.</p>
<p>SC 319 <b>Pol. 006</b></p>	<p>If a person elected or appointed as a <b>Board member</b>, having been notified, shall refuse or neglect to qualify as such director, the remaining members may, within ten (10) days following the beginning of his/her term of office, declare said office vacant on the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board.</p>

<p><b>SC 516.1</b></p>	<p>Section 7. <b><u>Expenses</u></b></p> <p>Board members, a nonmember <b>Board</b> Secretary, <b>and</b> solicitor(s) <b>shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred as delegates to any state convention or association of school directors' convention held within the Commonwealth, or for necessary expenses actually incurred in attendance authorized by the Board at any other meeting held within the Commonwealth or at an educational convention out-of-state. All such expenses shall be itemized and made available for public inspection at the next succeeding Board meeting. No member shall be reimbursed for more than two (2) out-of-state meetings in one (1) school year. Expenses shall be reimbursed only upon presentation of an itemized, verified statement, except that advance payments may be made upon presentation of estimated expenses to be incurred.</b></p> <p>Copies of expense statements shall be made a matter of record in the minutes for the Board of Education within forty-five (45) days following the conference or meeting.</p> <p>There will be no blanket or general approval granted for travel in the district. The Superintendent must approve all inter-district travel and out-of-district travel necessary for the operation of the district, and these payments will be reported to the Board at the next regularly scheduled meeting through the bills for payment listing. The <b>district</b> mileage form must be filled out and properly signed before being presented to the Business Manager for reimbursement to take place.</p> <p>The Board must approve all multiday national and state educational conferences, conventions or seminars which are pertinent to the operations and programs of the school district. Attendance at these meetings must be approved in advance by the Board. If an emergency meeting should develop and a representative(s) must be present, this must be reported to the Board at the next regular meeting by the Superintendent. The following are to be followed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. Expenses must not be incurred as a matter of personal convenience, and all personal expenses must be kept separate from school expenses.</li> <li>b. Expenses paid and/or reimbursed will be limited to those actually and necessarily incurred in going to, attending, and returning from the place of the meeting, including travel, lodging, meals, registration fees, and other incidental expenses. These must be reported on the proper district form.</li> </ol>
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SC 519	<p>c. Advance payment for these conferences and conventions <b>may be approved as</b> long as the necessary form has been properly filled out and submitted to the Business Manager. The Business Manager will ensure the form is properly filled out and then will submit it to the Superintendent for approval. Within three (3) days upon return, all receipts must be turned in to the Business Manager; and the <b>appropriate form</b> must be completed. All receipts must be signed by the Board member when they are attached to <b>the form</b>. It is the responsibility of the Board member attending the conference/meeting to ensure this three-day guideline is met.</p> <p>Mileage shall be paid at the prevailing IRS mileage rate. Inter-district travel <b>shall</b> be covered by current IRS practices.</p> <p>Receipts are required for all expenditures. These receipts must be signed, not initialed, when they are turned in to the business office.</p> <p>All travel will be contingent upon sufficient funds being budgeted in any given fiscal year.</p> <p>The Business Manager <b>shall</b> review all travel vouchers submitted prior to actual payment for adherence to this policy. No payment for travel and/or expenses <b>shall</b> be made until all requirements of this policy are met.</p> <p>Section 8. <u>Orientation</u></p> <p>The Board believes that the preparation of each <b>Board member</b> for the performance of duties is essential to the effectiveness of the Board's functioning. <b>The Board shall encourage each</b> new Board member <b>to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the schools, and review Board procedures and policies.</b></p> <p><b>Accordingly, the Board shall give to each new Board member no later than his/her first regular meeting for use during his/her term on the Board the following items:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li><b>a. A copy of the School Code.</b></li><li><b>b. A copy of the Board Policy Manual.</b></li><li><b>c. The current budget statement, audit report and related fiscal materials.</b></li><li><b>d. The most recent Strategic Plan.</b></li></ul>
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	<p><b>Each new Board member shall be invited to meet with the Board President, Superintendent and Board Secretary to discuss Board functions, policy and procedures.</b></p>
SC 516, 516.1	<p>Section 9. <u>Conferences</u></p> <p>In keeping with its philosophy on the need for continuing inservice training and development for its members, the Board encourages the participation of all members at appropriate School Board conferences, workshops, and conventions. In order to control both the investment of time and expenditure of funds necessary to implement this policy, the Board establishes <b>the following guidelines:</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>No member of the Board may attend a meeting at Board expense without prior Board approval.</li> <li>The Board will periodically decide which meetings appear to offer the most promise of direct and indirect benefits to the school district.</li> <li>Funds for participation at meetings and conferences will be budgeted on an annual basis.</li> <li>When a conference, convention or workshop is not attended by the full Board, those who do participate will be requested to share information, recommendations and materials acquired at the meeting that will be beneficial to the school district.</li> <li>Reimbursement to Board members for their travel expenses will be in accordance with Section 7 of Policy 004.</li> </ol>
SC 321	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Reimbursement shall be limited to actual expenses incurred, and shall not include or be construed to include compensation to individual Board members.</li> </ol> <p>References:</p> <p>School Code - 24 P.S. Sec. 301, 302, 303, 315, 316, 317, 319, 321, 322, 323, 324, 516, 516.1, 519, 1081</p> <p>Sunshine Act - 65 P.S. Sec. 701 et seq</p> <p>Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act - 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq</p> <p>Board Policy - 006, 331, 431, 531</p>