

FOX CHAPEL AREA SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: MEMBERSHIP

ADOPTED: May 10, 2010

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	004. MEMBERSHIP
	Section 1. <u>Number</u>
SC 303	The Board does consist of nine (9) members.
SC 1081	The Superintendent shall have a seat on the Board and the right to speak on all matters, but not the right to vote.
	Section 2. <u>Qualifications</u>
SC 321, 322, 323, 324	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 as specified in Section 322 of the School Code; nor shall the individual 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. 1102, 1104, 1105 Title 51 Sec. 15.2, 15.3	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 and annually by May 1.

<p>SC 301 et seq</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>Election</u></p> <p>Election of members of the Board shall be in accordance with law and the following voting regions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a. Region 1 – Sharpsburg; all Wards 2, 3, and 4 of O'Hara. b. Region 2 – Indiana Township; all of Districts 2, 4, and 5 of Fox Chapel Borough. c. Region 3 – Aspinwall; Blawnox, all of Wards 1 and 5 of O'Hara; all of District 1 and 3 of Fox Chapel Borough.
<p>SC 315, 316, 317, 318, 319 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 701 et seq</p>	<p>Section 4. <u>Vacancies</u></p> <p>A vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation, removal from a district or region, or otherwise. Such vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the Sunshine Act and by appointment by a majority vote of the remaining members of the Board within thirty (30) days of the occurrence of the vacancy. The Board member so appointed 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 Allegheny County.</p>
<p>SC 303, 315</p>	<p>Section 5. <u>Term</u></p> <p>The term of office of each Board member shall be four (4) years and shall expire on the first Monday of December, except that the term of a Board member 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 a Board member elected to an unexpired term shall expire at the termination of that term.</p>
<p>SC 315</p>	<p>Section 6. <u>Removal</u></p> <p>Whenever a Board member is no longer a resident of the region s/he was elected to represent, his/her membership on the Board shall cease.</p> <p>The removal of a Board member who resigns shall become effective upon the presentation of the resignation to the Board President and upon the date specified.</p>

<p>SC 319 Pol. 006</p>	<p>A Board member 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, with prior notice, on the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board.</p>
<p>SC 319 Pol. 006</p>	<p>If a person elected or appointed as a Board member, 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>SC 516.1 004-BOG</p>	<p>Section 7. <u>Expenses</u></p> <p>Board members, a nonmember Board Secretary, and solicitor(s) 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.</p> <p>Section 8. <u>Membership In Associations</u></p> <p>Membership in State and National Associations of School Board members is encouraged. Dues for such memberships shall be paid from school funds.</p> <p>Section 9. <u>Orientation</u></p> <p>The Board believes that the preparation of each Board member for the performance of duties is essential to the effectiveness of the Board's functioning. The Board shall encourage each new Board member to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the schools, and review Board procedures and policies.</p> <p>Each new Board member shall be invited to meet with the Board President and Superintendent and to fully understand the role of the Superintendent as the person appointed to enforce statutes, policy, regulations and laws adopted by the Commonwealth and FCASD.</p>

<p>SC 516, 516.1 004-BOG</p> <p>004-BOG SC 321</p> <p>004-BOG-1</p>	<p>Section 10. <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 the following guidelines:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a. No member of the Board may attend an overnight meeting at Board expense without prior Board approval.b. Funds for participation at meetings and conferences will be budgeted on an annual basis.c. 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.d. Reimbursement to Board members for their travel expenses will be in accordance with Section 7 of Policy 004 and the Administrative Regulation 004.e. Reimbursement shall be limited to actual expenses incurred, and shall not include or be construed to include compensation to individual Board members. <p>Section 11. <u>Awards</u></p> <p><i>Recognition Of Service –</i></p> <p>A plaque shall be prepared for each person retiring from the Fox Chapel Area Board of School Directors.</p> <p><i>Certificate Of Merit –</i></p> <p>The Board recognizes the Certificate of Merit Award. The purpose of these Certificates of Merit is to formally acknowledge outstanding student accomplishments, meritorious efforts, contributions or professional involvements of adult individuals involved with the school district.</p>
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School Code
301 et seq., 516,
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PA Statute
65 Pa. C.S.A.
701 et seq., 1102,
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