

SPRINGFIELD TOWNSHIP SCHOOL DISTRICT

SECTION: LOCAL BOARD PROCEDURES

TITLE: FUNCTIONS

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	003. FUNCTIONS
	Section 1. <u>Legislative</u>
SC 301, 407, 510, 511 Pol. 000	The Board shall exercise leadership through its rule-making power by adopting Board procedures and policies for the organization and operation of the school district. Those procedures and policies which are not dictated by the statutes, or regulations of the State Board, or ordered by a court of competent authority may be adopted, amended or repealed at any meeting of the Board, provided the proposed adoption, amendment or repeal has been proposed at a previous Board meeting and has remained on the agenda of each succeeding Board meeting until approved or rejected.
SC 407	Changes in a proposed Board procedure or policy, except for minor editorial revisions, at the second reading shall cause that reading to constitute a first reading. Board procedures and policies may be adopted or amended at a single meeting of the Board in an emergency. An emergency shall be defined, for purposes of this policy, as any situation or set of circumstances which the Board has reason to believe will close the schools, jeopardize the safety or welfare of the students or employees of the district, or result in noncompliance with laws or regulations.
SC 407	The Board may, upon a majority vote, cause to suspend at any time the operation of a Board procedure or policy, provided the suspension does not conflict with legal requirements. Such suspension shall be effective until the next meeting of the Board, unless an earlier time is specified in the motion to suspend.
Pol. 006	Board procedures and policies shall be adopted, amended or repealed by a majority vote of the Board. While any policy of the Board shall be subject to review at any time, it shall be the goal of the Board to review its policies every four years.

<p>Pol. 007</p>	<p>The adoption, modification, repeal or suspension of a Board procedure or policy shall be recorded in the minutes of the Board meeting. All current procedures and policies shall be maintained in the Board Policy Manual and disseminated appropriately.</p>
<p>SC 508, 1001, 1081</p>	<p>Section 2. <u>Executive</u></p> <p>The Board shall exercise its executive power by the appointment of a district Superintendent, who shall enforce the statutes of the Commonwealth, the regulations of the State Board of Education, the policies of the Board, and all other applicable laws and regulations.</p>
<p>Pol. 000 SC 510</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall be responsible for implementing Board policies and establishing administrative regulations for the operation of the school district that are not inconsistent with state and federal statutes or regulations; are dictated by the policies of this Board; and are binding on district employees and students when issued.</p> <p>The Board reserves the right to review and to direct revisions of administrative regulations when it considers the regulations to be inconsistent with Board policy or district practices. However, the Board shall not adopt administrative regulations unless required by law or requested by the Superintendent. Such adoption and/or amendment of administrative regulations shall adhere to the policy for adoption and amendment of Board procedures and policies.</p> <p>The Board delegates authority to the Superintendent to take necessary action in circumstances not provided for in Board policy. The Superintendent shall promptly inform the Board of such action. The Superintendent’s decision may be subject to review by the Board.</p>
<p>65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq</p>	<p>The Superintendent shall implement a procedure to inform Board members and designated employees of their responsibility under the Ethics Law.</p> <p>Whenever responsibility is delegated to the Superintendent or other administrator, it is understood that such individual may designate a representative to act on his/her behalf.</p>
<p>SC 510</p>	<p>Section 3. <u>Review</u></p> <p>The Board may assume jurisdiction over controversies or disputes arising within this school district concerning any matter over which the Board has authority granted by statute or where the Board has retained jurisdiction in contract or policies.</p>

2 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 551 et seq	In furtherance of its adjudicatory function, the Board may hold hearings in accordance with law which shall offer the parties to a dispute, on notice duly given, a fair and impartial forum for the resolution of the matter.
2 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 551 et seq	Beyond the basic requirements of due process, a hearing may vary in form and content in line with the severity of the consequences that may flow from it, the difficulty of establishing findings of fact from conflicting evidence, and the impact of the Board's decision on the school district.
2 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 551 et seq.	The Board shall also have the authority to appoint a hearing officer on a case-by-case basis, as permitted by law, to conduct such hearings.
	Section 4. <u>Evaluation Of Board Procedures</u>
	The Board shall plan an annual evaluation of its functions as a Board. The Board may evaluate Board procedures, relationships, or activities, or focus on a particular area or issue.
	The Board President, working with the Superintendent, shall develop an annual plan.
	References:
	School Code – 24 P.S. Sec. 301, 407, 508, 510, 511, 1001, 1081
	Local Agency Law – 2 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 551 et seq.
	Public Officials and Employee Ethics Act – 65 Pa. C.S.A. Sec. 1101 et seq.
	Board Policy – 000, 006, 007