

## Blairsville-Saltsburg School District

	<b>Policy No. 004</b>
<b>Section:</b>	<b>000 School Board</b>
<b>Title:</b>	<b>Membership</b>
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### # 004 Membership

#### 1. Number

The Board of School Directors does consist of nine (9) members.

SC 302, 303, 304, 305

#### 2. Qualifications

Each member of the Board shall meet the qualifications specified by law and courts of competent jurisdiction.

Sc 321,322,323,324

#### 3. Election

At the municipal election in 1985 and every four (4) years thereafter, four (4) directors shall be elected for terms of four (4) years. At the municipal election in 1987 and every four (4) years thereafter, five (S) directors shall be elected for terms of four (4) years.

SC 301

#### 4. Vacancies

A vacancy shall occur by reason of death, resignation, removal from a district or otherwise. Any vacancy shall be filled in accordance with the law. If a school director should for any of the reasons set forth above vacate his/her position as a director of the district, the remaining members of the board of school directors shall, by a majority vote thereof fill such vacancy from the qualified electors of the district within thirty (30) days after such vacancy shall have occurred. In those instances where the vacancy occurs as a result of the resignation of a school director, such vacancy shall be deemed to have occurred and the position shall be deemed vacant, either when the resignation of the director is accepted by the board of school directors, or at the time such resignation is presented to the board of directors in writing at a

public meeting at which the board of school directors are able to take official action by vote and fail to act thereon. The person selected to fill such vacancy shall hold office, if the term thereof so long continues, until the first Monday of December after the municipal election occurring more than sixty (60) days after the vacancy shall have occurred. In case vacancies occur in the majority of the members of the board of school directors, such vacancies shall be filled by the Court of Common Pleas of the County where the school director is located.

SC 315,319

**5. Term**

The term of office of each school director shall be four (4) years and shall expire on the first Monday of December except that the term of each school director appointed to fill a vacancy shall expire on the first Monday of December after the municipal election occurring more than 60 days after his/her appointment and the term of each school director elected to an unexpired term shall expire at the termination of that term.

SC 303,315

**6. Removal**

Whenever a school director shall cease to be a resident of the School District of Blairsville-Saltsburg, his/her membership on the Board shall cease forthwith.

The removal of a School Director who resigns in writing to the Board President shall become effective upon approval of the resignation by the remaining board members.

A School Director who neglects or refuses to attend two successive regular meetings of the Board, unless detained by sickness, work, 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 office on the affirmative vote of a majority of the remaining members of the Board.

If a person elected or appointed as school director, having been notified, shall refuse or neglect to qualify as such director, the remaining members may, within ten 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.

**7. Expenses**

A School Director shall be reimbursed for necessary expenses actually incurred as a delegate or representative to any convention, workshop, or business meeting held within the Commonwealth or out-of-state. Actual travel shall be reimbursed at the rate established by the Internal Revenue Service for travel by vehicle. All board members may attend the various

training workshops and seminars conducted by the Pennsylvania School Board Association or the AKIN Intermediate Unit on an unlimited basis each year.

PROCEDURES FOR OUT-OF-STATE CONVENTIONS:

- A. Up to three board members per year may attend an out-of-state education convention sponsored by either the NSBA or AASA.
- B. Members who did not attend an out-of-state educational convention the previous year shall have first choice for participation.
- C. Members who participated in the previous year's convention will have the last opportunity to attend.

SC 321,516,516.1

**8. Orientation**

The Board believes that the preparation of each School Director for the performance of Board duties is essential to the effectiveness of the Board's functioning. The Board shall encourage each new School Director to understand the functions of the Board, acquire knowledge of matters related to the operation of the schools and learn Board procedures. Accordingly, the Board shall give to each new School Director, for his/her use and possession during the term of office, a copy of the School Code and a copy of the Board Policy Manual. Additionally, each new Board Member will be invited to meet with the Board President, Superintendent, and Board Secretary to discuss board functions, policy, and procedures.

SC 519