



**POTTSTOWN SCHOOL DISTRICT  
MINUTES OF THE BOARD WORKSHOP  
January 13, 2022**

Attendees: Ms. Katina Bearden, Mr. John Armato, Mr. Kurt Heidel, Mr. Thomas Hylton, Mrs. Laura Johnson, Mr. Steve Kline, Mrs. Susan Lawrence, Ms. Deborah Spence, Mr. Stephen Rodriguez, Ms. Maureen Jampo, Mr. Matthew Boyer.

**PSD Board Stand Operating Procedures**

Mr. Rodriguez reviewed the role and responsibilities of a School Board Director and representative of the District referencing Local Board Procedure Policies 000 to 012 and PSBA Principles of Governance. He reviewed the Committee and Board meeting structure (consent items /non-consent items), agenda outlines, google drive, emails and password security.

**Board Member Orientation**

**Act 55 Training Requirements**

Ms. Jampo reviewed the training requirements for newly elected board members and re-elected Board members. Board Members were provided with access information for training sessions and certifications through PSBA membership.

BoardDocs, Clearances, SFI forms – information for Member access to BoardDocs, required volunteer clearances, and PA Ethics Commission requirements were shared with the Board.

**District Initiatives, Focus and Goals: 2022**

- District Updates** – Mr. Rodriguez gave updates on COVID statistics and District protocol, and the Comprehensive Planning & Cultural Competency progress
- Negotiations** – Professional Agreement expires in August; upcoming negotiations with the Federation.
- MTSS** –Multi-Tiered System of Support training and updates were shared with the Board
- Special Education Goals** – community understanding of special education, improve special education, and encourage students/adults to pursue teaching special education.

**Team Work**

Ms. Bearden spoke on the pros/cons of virtual meetings and in-person meetings. She reviewed the committee meeting structure for virtual meetings. Board Members shared their thoughts on virtual vs in-person meetings and the effectiveness of the meetings.