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Legal Status and Operation
Legal Status

The Board of directors of the West Valley School District is the corporate entity established by the state of Washington to plan and direct all aspects of the district's operations to the end that students shall have ample opportunity to achieve their individual and collective learning needs.

The policies of the Board define the organization of the Board and the manner of conducting its official business. The Board's operating policies are those that the Board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

Organization

The corporate name of this school district is West Valley School District No. 208, Yakima County, State of Washington. The district is classified as a first-class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to first-class districts.

In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become effective citizens, the Board shall exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code (Title 28A RCW), attorney general's opinions and regulations of the state Board of Education (Title 180 WAC) and the state Superintendent of public instruction (Title 392 WAC) delineate the legal powers, duties and responsibilities of the Board.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

The Board shall consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, Board members shall hold office for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of Board members shall be staggered as provided by law.

Newly elected directors shall take office at the first official meeting of the Board of Directors after the election results have been certified by the county auditor. Prior to beginning their term, directors shall take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Cross References:	Board Policy 1111	Oath of office
Legal References:	RCW 28A.150.230	Basic Education Act of 1977
	RCW 28A.300.065	Classification and numbering system of school districts
	RCW 28A.315.035	Organization of school districts
	RCW 28A.320.010	Corporate powers
	RCW 28A.320.020	Liability for debts and judgments
	RCW 28A.320.040	Directors--Bylaws
	RCW 28A.343.300	Directors--Terms--Numbers
	RCW 28A.343.320	Directors--Declaration of candidacy
	RCW 28A.343.330	Directors--Ballots--Form
	RCW 28A.343.360	Directors--Oath of office
	RCW 29A.20.030	Local officers, beginning of terms-Organization of district boards of directors
	RCW 29A.20.040	Local elected officials, commencement of term and office

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Key Functions of the Board

Acting on behalf of the people of each community, the school Board will fulfill the following functions:

- Vision:** The Board, with participation by the community, shall envision the future of the school district's educational program and formulate goals, define outcomes and set the course for the school district. This will be done within the context of racial, ethnic and religious diversity and with a commitment to education excellence and equity for all students.
- Structure:** To achieve the vision, the Board will establish a structure which reflects local circumstances and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework. This includes employing a Superintendent, developing and approving policies, formulating budgets, setting high instructional and learning goals for staff and students, and nurturing a climate conducive to continuous improvement.
- Accountability:** The Board's accountability to the community will include adopting a system of continuous assessment of all conditions affecting education, including assessments for measuring staff and student progress towards goals. The public will be kept informed about programs and progress. Staff and Board training will be provided to ensure continuous improvement of student achievement.
- Advocacy:** The Board shall serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and their schools. The Board shall work to advance the community's vision for its schools, pursue the district's goals, encourage progress and energize systemic change and ensure that students are treated as whole persons in a diversified society.

- Cross References:**
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| Board Policy 0100 | Commitment to Strategic Planning |
| Board Policy 0300 | Planning Process |
| Board Policy 0700 | Strategic Plan Evaluation |
| Board Policy 1310 | Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures |
| Board Policy 1810 | Annual Goals and Objectives |
| Board Policy 1821 | In-service Conferences for Board Members |

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Director Districts

It is the responsibility of the Board of Directors to establish the boundaries of the internal director districts of the school district, and to redistrict the director districts as necessary.

The Board of Directors, with the assistance of the administration, the ESD and the State Redistricting Commission, shall develop a plan of proposed director districts within eight months of any of the following events:

1. Receipt of federal decennial census data;
2. Consolidation of the district with one or more other districts;
3. Transfer of territory to or from the district;
4. Annexation of territory to or from the district; or
5. Approval by a majority of the district's voters of a proposal to divide the district into director districts.

Legal References: RCW	29A.76.010	Redistricting by counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose districts
	28A.343.030	Directors' districts in certain school districts — Election to authorize division in school districts not already divided into director districts
	28A.343.040	Division or redivision of district into director districts
	28A.343.050	Dissolution of directors' districts
	28A.315.195	Transfer of territory by petition – Requirements — Rules — Costs

Management Resources: *Policy News*, August 2008 Restructuring First Class Director Districts

Revised: 02.00; 08.05; 08.08; 10.08;

Director Districts

When reconfiguring Director Districts, the newly established Director Districts shall meet the following criteria:

1. The districts shall be as nearly as possible equal in population;
2. The districts shall be as compact as possible and consist of geographically contiguous area;
3. The districts shall not favor or disfavor any racial group or political party; and
4. The districts shall as much as possible coincide with natural boundaries and existing communities.

At least one week before the Board of Directors considers adoption of the plan of Director Districts, the Board shall hold a public hearing on the plan.

Within thirty days of adoption of the plan of Director Districts, the legal descriptions and maps depicting the Director Districts shall be submitted to the County Auditor. If the plan is submitted after the fourth Monday in June of an odd-numbered year, the plan will not take effect until the following year.

Any registered voter in the District may challenge the plan within 45 days of its adoption by requesting the Superior Court review the plan for compliance with the four criteria listed above.

Dissolution of Director Districts:

If the district desires to dissolve director districts and create a combination of director districts and at large districts, the Board of Directors will submit a resolution adopted by the Board or a petition signed by 20% of the registered voters to the educational service district. The resolution or petition will request dissolution of the existing director districts. If the ballot measure is approved, the Board will reconfigure the existing districts to consist of three director districts and two at large districts. As the current board members terms expire their successors will be elected according to the approved redistricting.

Transfer of District Property:

The Board will submit a written notice of intent to transfer property to the effected school Director District (s). The written notice of intent to transfer will include a request that the effected district(s) respond in writing acknowledging receipt of the notice and explaining their position regarding the proposed transfer.

The Board will submit written notice of the intent to transfer property to all registered voters residing in the area proposed to be transferred. The notice must include date, time and place of a public hearing at which the voters can comment on the proposed transfer of property.

The Board will compile and review responses from the effected school district(s) and all comments received from members of the public regarding the transfer prior to signing the formal board petition requesting the transfer.

The Board of Directors will mediate with the effected district(s) in good faith and comply with the transfer procedures outline in 28A.315.195 through 28A.315.215.

Adopted: 10.08;

Election

Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.

A person is legally qualified to become a board member who is a United States citizen, and a qualified voter resident in the school district and appropriate director district, if any.

A person may become a candidate for a place on the Board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the June filing period as prescribed by law. If the school district includes territory in two or more counties, the declaration of candidacy shall be filed with the county auditor of the county designated by the Superintendent of Public Instruction as county to which the district belongs, pursuant to RCW 28A.323.040. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the Board, a primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of August in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs before the regular filing period begins, the candidates will go through the June filing period as proscribed in law. If the vacancy occurs after the filing period starts but before the eleventh Tuesday prior to the primary election, the County Auditor shall establish a special three day filing period.

In the event a school position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the eleventh Tuesday before the primary election, but before the eleventh Tuesday before the general election, then the County Auditor shall establish a special three-day filing period. In such a case, regardless of the number of candidates, there will be no primary, and the winner of the position will be the candidate receiving a plurality of the votes cast.

In the event a school director position becomes vacant or a void in candidacy for a school director position occurs after the eleventh Tuesday before the general election, the scheduled election is lapsed, the election deemed stricken from the ballot, no write-in votes counted and no candidate certified as elected. If an incumbent school director is serving in this instance, the director's service on the board will continue until the next school board election or until the director resigns. If no director is currently serving, the position will be filled by the board consistent with the board's policy of filling vacancies.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 11155 Vacancies
 Board Policy 1610 Conflicts of Interest

Legal References: RCW 28A.323.040 Joint school districts--Designation of county to which joint school district belongs
 RCW 28A.343.300 Directors--Terms-Numbers
 RCW 28A.343.320 Directors--Declarations of candidacy--Positions as separate offices
 RCW 28A.343.330 Directors--Ballots-Form
 RCW 28A.343.340 Directors--When elected-Eligibility
 RCW 29A.04.151 Residence
 RCW 29A.24.181 Reopening of filing - After eleventh Tuesday before primary
 RCW 29A.24.191 Scheduled election lapses, when
 RCW 29A.52.210 Local Primaries
 RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy

Management Resources: *Policy News*, October 2006 Changes in Election Law

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Election

Candidate Orientation

Candidates for appointment or election to the Board shall be urged to attend public meetings of the Board. All public information about the school system shall be made available to them.

Additionally, the Board directs the Superintendent to cooperate impartially with all candidates in providing them with information about school governance, Board operations and school programs. Information to Board candidates may include;

- A. Notifying the candidate of open meetings of the Board, accompanied with an agenda;
- B. Meeting with the candidate to provide background information on the school system and Board service and/or arranging such other candidate orientation sessions as the candidate may reasonably request;
- C. Providing each candidate with access to publications of the district, materials from the Washington State School Directors' Association, the official minutes of Board meetings and the district policy manual;
- D. Reviewing the district budget and related fiscal documents; and
- E. Providing each candidate with information regarding the Public Disclosure Act.

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Board of Directors

Oath of Office

According to statutory provision, each new director shall take an oath or affirmation to support the constitutions of the United States and the state of Washington and to promote the interests of education and to faithfully discharge the duties of his/her office to the best of his/her ability. A school district officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths must certify to this oath and the signature of the member. After properly completed, the oath of office shall be filed with the county auditor.

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.343.360 Oath of office

Adoption Date: 02.04.00

Director Orientation

The Board will help newly elected or appointed directors to understand the policies and procedures of the Board. To facilitate this process, new directors will be provided information about:

- WSSDA publications (e.g., Open Public Meetings, Conflict of Interest, Governing Through Policy, Parliamentary Procedure);
- Goals for the school district and strategic plan, if developed;
- School Improvement Plans;
- Annual School Performance Reports;
- Board policies and administrative procedures;
- Student rights, responsibilities and conduct;
- District staff handbook;
- Student and staff handbooks from individual schools;
- Collective bargaining agreements;
- District and School budget(s);
- Financial status reports (most recent copies);
- Board minutes (past year);
- Achievement test results and relevant data for evaluating student learning; and
- Staff member job descriptions;

The Board Chair or a designee and the Superintendent will assist each new director in the review of these materials and will review the role and function of the various administrators employed by the district. The orientation will include, as per district policy, how to (1) arrange for visits of school or administrative offices, (2) request information regarding school operations, (3) respond to a complaint concerning staff or program, and (4) handle confidential information.

Directors will be encouraged to attend meetings, workshops and conferences to increase their knowledge and competencies.

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Board Member Residency

A School Director must remain a resident of the school district to be eligible to continue to serve as a school Board member. If a director's residence changes to a place outside the district, the director must resign and his/her eligibility to serve ends with the change of residence.

If a Director is required to live within a specific director area of the District in order to be elected or appointed to the school Board, and the director's residence changes to a place outside the director area, but within the district, the director may continue to serve on the school Board until the next regular school district election (the fall of odd numbered years), at which time an election will be held to fill the Board position for the director area the director no longer resides in. If the change of residence occurs after the filing period for the regular school district election, but before the election, and the director is in the first two years of his/her term, he/she may continue to serve from a residence outside the director area, but within the district, until the end of the term he/she was elected to.

If a Director's director area boundaries are redrawn during his/her term of office, the director may serve out the term he/she was elected to.

Cross References:	Board Policy 1105	Director District Boundaries
	Board Policy 1110	Elections
	Board Policy 1114	Board Member Resignation
	Board Policy 1115	Vacancies

Legal References:	RCW 28A.343.340	Directors--When elected--Eligibility
	RCW 28A.343.350	Residency
	RCW 29A.04.151	Residence
	RCW 29A.76.010	Redistricting by counties, municipal corporations, and special purpose
	RCW 42.12.010	Causes of Vacancy
	AGO 7508.00 - 1975 No. 8	Vacancy upon voluntary change of residence out of Director district (note 1999 modification by RCW28A.343.340)

Management Resource:	PNA 9910.01	In-district residence change OK
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Board Member Resignation

Upon receipt of a Director's written resignation, the Board shall discuss the resignation at its next regularly scheduled meeting. The Board shall then acknowledge and announce the resignation.

The resignation shall be effective immediately unless otherwise stated. If a future date is stated, the resignation may be withdrawn anytime prior to the effective date.

Legal Reference: RCW 29A.04.151 Residence

Adoption Date: 10.16.00
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Vacancies

In case of a Board vacancy, the remaining Board members shall fill such vacancy by appointment. The Board will receive applications from any qualified persons seeking to fill the position after suitable public notice. The Board will appoint one of the candidates to serve until the next regularly scheduled Board election, at which time a director shall be elected for the unexpired term, if any.

The appointment shall be approved, by roll call vote, by not less than three members of the Board. If there fewer than three members exists, the educational service district Board members shall appoint a sufficient number to constitute a legal majority of the Board. Should the Board fail to fill a vacancy within ninety (90) days from the creation of such vacancy, the educational service district Board members shall fill such vacancy. Appointees shall be United States citizens and qualified voters resident in the school district and appropriate director district, if any.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 1114 Board Member Resignation
 Board Policy 1450 Absence of a Board Member

Legal References: RCW 28A.310.030 ESD Board
 RCW 28A.343.370 Directors--Filling vacancies
 RCW 28A.330.020 Certain Board elections, manner and vote required
 RCW 42.30.110 Board member interviews in open public session

Adoption Date: 10.15.00

Vacancies

When a vacancy occurs on the Board, it is in the best interest of the district to encourage as many able citizens as possible to consider becoming a school director. To that end the following procedures shall be used to identify and appoint citizens to fill Board vacancies:

- A. Announcement of the vacancy and the procedure for filling it shall be made in the general news media as well as general district publications to patrons.
- B. All citizens shall be invited to nominate candidates for the position provided that the nominees shall be registered voters who reside in the director district in which the vacancy occurs.
- C. The Board secretary shall notify all nominees by sending them a summary of director responsibilities and soliciting from them a biographical sketch as well as a statement about their interest in being a Board member. Upon their request, the Board secretary shall provide nominees with orientation information.
- D. The Board shall screen the nominees.
 - 1. If there are more than five, it shall select for interviews the five whose prior experience and expressed interest suggest that they will be most able to contribute breadth of view to the Board's deliberations as well as effectively represent a large segment of the community.
 - 2. Possible topics to discuss during the interview are:
 - a. Review the WSSDA Code of Governance with the group of Board nominees.
 - b. Give a brief biographical sketch of self: training, interests, experience on policy Board's, community and/or school activities, etc.
 - c. Describe the major strengths of the district.
 - d. Describe the major shortcomings of the district.
 - e. Describe how your experience, training and interest can contribute to the improvement of the district.
 - f. Identify any commitments which might prevent you from attending regularly scheduled meetings, participation in workshops, reviewing study materials, etc.
 - g. Allow the nominee an opportunity to ask any questions.
- E. The Board shall appoint the nominee who in the judgment of at least three members of the Board is most likely to contribute to the growth and development of the district's educational programs and operations.
- F. The Board secretary shall prepare for the signatures of all Board members a letter thanking all nominees for the position and commending them for their interest in the district.

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Board of Directors

Student Representation to the Board

The Board of Directors realizes the goal of public education is to educate students. However, the Board of Directors is not able to experience public education at work. Therefore, the Board of Directors seeks the advice and experience of students that attend school in the West Valley School District. For this reason, the Board of Directors has created non-voting, Advisory Board positions for two high school students. These Student Director positions will be held by high school students enrolled at West Valley High School.

Cross References:

Legal References:

Adoption Date: 12/10/07

Student Representation to the Board

1. Purpose

- A. To help the Board of Directors gain a greater insight into student activities, programs and needs.
- B. To provide an opportunity for students to have representative input into decisions made on their behalf.
- C. To assist in the development of leadership skills in youth.
- D. To help prepare students for their responsibilities as citizens of a community.

2. Procedures

- A. Two Student Directors will be elected during regular elections their Junior year to serve as student representatives to the Board throughout their Senior year at West Valley High School.
- B. At least one Student Director will be expected to attend each Regular Board meeting and Study Session. If neither student is able to attend, the Board President will be notified in advance of the absence. Students will be governed by the same policies governing the removal of an elected Director from office.
- C. Student Directors will serve in an advisory, non-voting capacity. As such, they will not be able to make motions, vote, hold Board offices, or attend Closed or Executive sessions unless invited by the Board President. Student Directors will be encouraged to introduce topics for the agenda and comment on relevant issues.
- D. Student Directors will sit at the Board table.
- E. The Vice President of the School Board will serve as the liaison to the Student Director. Student Directors will meet with the Vice President of the School Board, as needed, to provide for the optimal experience for the Student and the rest of the Board of Directors.
- F. The Superintendent will also serve as a liaison for the Student Directors. He/she will ensure that Student Directors are provided with necessary School Board materials, and information.
- G. During a regular meeting in May, the Student Directors will be given an opportunity to evaluate their experience and advise the School Board on how this position can be utilized in the future.
- H. Student Directors will organize and lead one annual high school forum to discuss a topic of importance to the District.
- I. Student Directors will be given the opportunity to attend the WSSDA conference with a chaperone, if they choose.
- J. Student Directors will be provided with an orientation handbook including Student Director Responsibilities and Board Operating Procedures.
- K. Student Directors will be given an opportunity to inform the high school student body about Board meeting topics and issues of importance. Announcements, class visits, and school newsletters may be utilized to improve representation and foster effective communication between the students and the School Board.
- L. Student Directors will be given an opportunity to visit each school in the District, and report to the School Board during a regular meeting. Student Directors may meet with elementary student councils, or student leaders to discuss student issues, and represent Board topics.

3. Selection Process

- A. Students will be selected by a vote of the high school student body, in the same manner that ASB positions are filled.
- B. Student Directors will begin their term at the first meeting following the start of school, and complete their term the last meeting in May.

Adoption Date: 12/10/07

Annual Organizational Meeting, Election of Officers

At the first regular meeting at which newly elected Board members are seated in election years and at the first regular meeting in December in non-election years, the Board shall elect from among its members a president and a vice president to serve one-year terms. Officers shall not be elected following the appointment of a director to fill a vacancy on the Board unless a majority of the Board is appointed. If a Board member is unable to continue to serve as an officer, a replacement shall be elected immediately. In the absence of both the chair/president and the vice president, the Board shall elect a president pro tempore who shall perform the functions of the chair/president during the latter's absence. The Superintendent shall act as Board secretary. In order to provide a record of the proceedings of each meeting of the Board, the Superintendent shall appoint a recording secretary of the Board.

In even-numbered years in June a legislative representative shall be elected who shall serve a two-year term.

The normal order of business shall be modified for the annual organizational meeting by considering the following matters after the approval of the minutes of the previous meeting:

- A. Welcome and introduction of newly-elected Board members by the chair/president.
- B. Call for nominations for chair/president to serve during the ensuing year.
- C. Election of a chair/president (roll call vote)*.
- D. Assumption of office by the new chair/president.
- E. Call for nominations for vice chair/president to serve during the ensuing year.
- F. Election of a vice chair/president (roll call vote)*.

Policies shall continue from year to year and Board to Board until and unless the Board changes them.

*(roll call vote) 2nd class districts may delete reference to roll call vote

Legal References:	RCW 28A.400.030	Superintendent's duties
	RCW 28A.330.010	Board president, vice-president--Secretary
	RCW 28A.330.020	Certain Board elections, manner and vote required--Selection of personnel, manner
	RCW 28A.330.050	Duties of Superintendent as secretary
	RCW 29A.20.040	Local elected officials, commencement of term of office

Adoption Date: 081199

Board Officers and Duties Of Board Members

Chair/President

The chair/president shall preside at all meetings of the Board and sign all papers and documents as required by law or as authorized by action of the Board. The chair/president shall conduct the meetings in the manner prescribed by the Board's policies, provided that the chair/president shall have the full right to participate in all aspects of Board action without relinquishing the chair, including the right to vote on all matters put to a vote.

It shall be the responsibility of the Board chair/president to manage the Board 's deliberation so that it shall be clear, concise, and directed to the issue at hand; summarize discussion and/or action before moving on to the next agenda item; and to generally manage the meeting so that the agenda is treated in an expeditious manner.

The chair/president shall be the official recipient of correspondence directed to the Board and shall provide, or cause to be provided to other Board members and the Superintendent, copies of the correspondence received on behalf of the Board.

The chair/president is authorized to consult with the Superintendent on issues prior to presentation to the full Board and perform tasks to facilitate Board meetings.

In dealing with the media and the public in general, the chair/president or his/her designee will serve as the spokesperson of the Board. The chair/president is authorized to report and discuss those actions which have been taken and those decisions made by the Board as a body. The chair/president shall avoid speculating upon actions or decisions which the Board may take but has not yet taken.

The chair/president shall confer with the Superintendent regarding Board meeting, study session and Board retreat planning.

Officers of the Board: Vice Chair/President

The vice chair/president shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the chair/president and shall perform all of the duties of the president in case of his/her absence or disability.

Legislative Representative

A legislative representative shall serve as the Board's liaison with the Washington State School Directors' Association Legislative Assembly. The legislative representative shall assume office July 1st in an even year for a two-year period. The legislative representative shall attend Washington State School Directors' Association Assemblies, conveying local views and concerns to that body and participating in the formulation of state legislative programs. The legislative representative shall monitor proposed school legislation and inform the Board of the issues.

Duties of Individual Board Members

The authority of individual Board members is limited to participating in actions taken by the Board as a whole when legally in session. Board members shall not assume responsibilities of administrators or other staff members. The Board or staff shall not be bound in any way by any action taken or statement made by any individual Board member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions and official action taken by the Board.

Each Board member shall review the agenda and any study materials distributed prior to the meeting and be prepared to participate in the discussion and decision-making for each agenda item.

Each member is obligated to attend Board meetings regularly. Whenever possible, each director shall give advance notice to the president or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting. A majority of the Board may excuse a director's absence from a meeting if requested to do so. The Board may declare a Board member's position vacant after four consecutive unexcused absences from regular Board meetings.

Secretary

The Superintendent as Board secretary shall be responsible for:

- A. Maintaining an accurate and complete record of all Board proceedings;
- B. Taking charge of the Board's books and documents;
- C. Drawing and signing all warrants authorized by the Board;
- D. Sending out notices of meetings and other relevant communications to Board members and the public;
- E. Preparing agendas and supplementary documents as authorized by the Board;
- F. Submitting required reports to the educational service district and to state and national agencies;
- G. Authorizing the investment of district surplus funds by the county treasurer; and
- H. Carrying out other duties as directed by the Board and required by law.

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.400.030 Superintendent's duties

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

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Board of Directors

Committees

Committees of the Board may be created by a majority of the Board. The chairman shall appoint Board members to serve on such committees, the purpose and terms of which shall be determined by a majority vote of the Board. Board committees shall be limited to two members.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 4110 Citizen's Advisory Committees

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.320.040 Directors--Bylaws

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Board Email

A school board email address, schoolboard@wvsd208.org, has been established for the community to communicate directly with members of the Board. The following guidelines will govern the response to emails sent to the Board.

- A. The Board of Directors will respond to every email that is received.
- B. The Board of Directors will designate one member responsible for responding to the School Board email on behalf of the rest of the Board.
- C. The Board member responsible for responding to emails will forward every response to the entire Board and the Superintendent.
- D. If the email does not contain confidential information, the response will also be forwarded to the student representatives at studentreps@wvsd208.org.
- E. When appropriate, the designated member may forward the question to the Superintendent who will work with staff to provide a more detailed response to the question. The staff response will be forwarded to the entire Board.
- F. The designated Board member will work to represent the position of the entire Board, rather than the position of an individual member.
- G. Following Board protocol, the designated Board member may direct the author of the original email to go through the appropriate procedures and contact the staff member who would be able to follow up to the concerns or questions expressed in the email.

Revised: 03.22.10

Policy Adoption, Manuals and Administrative Procedures

Proposed new policies and proposed changes in existing policies shall be presented in writing for reading and discussion. Unless it is deemed by the Board that immediate action would be in the best interests of the district, the final vote for adoption shall take place not earlier than the next succeeding regular or special Board meeting. Any written statement by any person relative to a proposed policy or amendment should be directed to the Board secretary prior to the second reading. The Board may invite oral statements from staff members or patrons as an order of business.

When the Board of directors is considering a district policy or amendment to policy that is not expressly or by implication authorized by state or federal law, but which will promote the education of kindergarten through twelfth grade students in public schools or will promote the effective, efficient or safe management and operation of the district, the proposed policy shall be described in any notice of the meetings at which the policy will be considered, if the notice is issued pursuant to the Open Public Meetings Act, Ch. 42.30 RCW. The Board of directors will provide an opportunity for public written and oral comment on such policies before adoption or amendment.

In the event that immediate action on a proposed policy is necessary, the motion for its adoption shall provide that immediate adoption is in the best interest of the district. No further action is required. All new or amended policies shall become effective upon adoption unless a specific effective date is provided in the motion for adoption.

Policies as adopted or amended shall be made a part of the minutes of the meeting at which action was taken and shall also be included in the district's policy manual.

Policy Manuals

The Superintendent shall develop and maintain a current policy manual which contains the policies of the district.

The manual is intended both as a tool for district management as well as a source of information to patrons, staff and others about how the district operates. To that end each administrator shall have ready access to the manual. In addition a manual shall be available in each school library and such other places as the Superintendent may determine for the use of staff, students and patrons.

All policy manuals distributed to anyone shall remain the property of the district. They shall be subject to recall at any time.

Administrative Procedures

The Superintendent shall develop such administrative procedures as are necessary to ensure consistent implementation of policies adopted by the Board.

When a written procedure is developed, the Superintendent shall submit it to the Board as an information item. Such procedures need not be approved by the Board, though it may revise them when it appears that they are not consistent with the Board 's intentions as expressed in its policies. Procedures need not be reviewed by the Board prior to their issuance; though on controversial topics, the Superintendent may request prior Board consultation.

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers
 RCW 28A.320.040 Directors--Bylaws

Adoption Date:
02.04.00

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Board of Directors

Suspension of A Policy

A policy of the Board shall be subject to suspension by a majority vote of the members present, provided all Board members have received notice of the meeting and the notice included a proposal to suspend the policy and an explanation of the purpose. If such proposal is not made in writing in advance of the meeting, a policy may be suspended only by a unanimous vote of all Board members present.

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers
 RCW 28A.320.040 Directors--Bylaws

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Administration in the Absence of Policy or Procedure

The Superintendent and other staff to whom administrative or supervisory authority has been delegated shall be authorized to use their best judgment in the absence of a specific policy or procedure, provided that such action shall not be in conflict with the general aims and objectives of the district or with any local, state or national ordinances, statutes, regulations or directives. In the event there is doubt as to the appropriate course of action or if it is apparent that the consequences could be serious, the staff member is expected to contact the Superintendent or other administrator who could provide appropriate assistance.

Whenever action in the absence of specific policy has been taken by a staff member which creates a potential for controversy or a potential for the incurring of district financial obligation or where the situation is likely to recur frequently, then such action shall be brought to the attention of the Board at its next regular meeting. In situations where a reasonable person could determine that the above actions taken by a staff member should be brought to the immediate attention of the Board, the Superintendent shall be notified and he/she shall immediately consult with the Board president/chairman as to the advisability of calling a special Board meeting to review the staff member's action.

Adoption Date: 04.10.98

Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Board meetings will be scheduled in compliance with the law and as deemed by the Board to be in the best interests of the district and community. The Board will function through (1) regular meetings, (2) special meetings, and (3) emergency meetings.

Regular Meetings

Regular meetings shall be held at 7:00 p.m. on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The meeting held on the second Monday will be held at a school location determined by the presiding officer or by majority vote of the Board. The meeting held on the fourth Monday of each month shall be held in the lounge at the Transportation Center or at other times and places as determined by the presiding officer or by majority vote of the Board. If regular meetings are to be held at places other than as specified or are adjourned to times other than a regular meeting time, notice of the meeting shall be made in the same manner as provided for special meetings. All regular meetings of the Board shall be held within the District boundaries. When a regular meeting date falls on a legal holiday, the meeting shall be held on the following business day.

Study Sessions

Study sessions shall be held at 6:30 a.m. on the first and third Thursday of each month in the Conference Room at West Valley High School. No action shall be taken at study sessions except in emergency circumstances.

Special Meetings

Special meetings may be called by the chair/president or on a petition of a majority of the Board members. A written notice of a special meeting, stating the purpose of the meeting, shall be delivered to each Board member not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the time of the meeting. Written notice shall also be sent not less than twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting to each newspaper and radio or television station that has filed a written request for such notices. Final disposition shall not be taken on any matter other than those items stated in the meeting notice.

Emergency Meetings

In the event of an emergency involving fire, flood, earthquake, possible personal injury or property damage, the Board may meet immediately and take official action without prior notification.

Public Notice

Public notice shall be properly given for any special meeting; whenever a regular meeting is adjourned to another time; or, when a regular meeting is to be held at a place other than the lounge at the Transportation Center.

All meetings shall be open to the public with the exception of executive sessions authorized by law. Final action resulting from executive session discussions will be taken during a meeting open to the public as required by law.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that special arrangements can be made.

During the interim between meetings, the office of the Superintendent, as Board Secretary, shall be the office of the Board. The district's public records shall be open for inspection in the manner provided by and subject to the limitation of the law.

Adoption: 09.10.01

Meeting Conduct, Order of Business and Quorum

Open Meetings

All meetings, including study sessions and retreats, must be advertised as meetings that are open to the public. If a Board wishes to devote all or most of a special meeting to an issue(s) to be discussed in executive session (Policy #1410), the special meeting should be called to order and recessed to an executive session. The purpose of the executive session should be announced and recorded in the minutes (e.g., real estate matters, litigation).

All regular meetings must be held within the district boundaries. Special meetings may be held outside the district with proper notice of the time and location.

Meeting Notices

A regular meeting does not require a public notice if held at the time and place provided by Board policy. If the Board does not meet at its regular location, the meeting should be treated as a special meeting with proper notice to the press stating the time, place and purpose of the meeting. A district is required to notify newspapers and radio and television stations which have filed a request for such notification. Each director should receive a printed agenda twenty-four hours in advance of the meeting. All public notices of Board meetings should inform persons with disabilities that they may contact the Superintendent's office so that arrangements can be made for them to participate in Board meetings.

While other items of business may be discussed at a special meeting, no final action can be taken on topics which have not been identified on the printed agenda. If an item is to be discussed in executive session in accordance with policy #1410, the item of business must also appear on the agenda if final action is to be taken following the executive session.

No meeting notice is required when the Board is acting as a quasi-judicial body in a matter between named parties (e.g., hearing on discharge, non-renewal or discipline of an employee, unless the employee requests a public meeting; hearing regarding suspension or expulsion of a student, unless the student requests a public meeting) or for the purpose of planning or adopting strategy or positions to be taken in collective bargaining, grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing such proposals made by a bargaining unit.

Meeting Recess and Continuation

The Board may recess a regular, special or recessed meeting to a specific future time. Notice of such a recess and continuation must be posted at or near the door of the meeting room. Notification to the press is not required.

Executive or Closed Sessions

Before convening in executive session, the chair/president shall publicly announce the general purpose for excluding the public from the meeting place and the time when the executive session will be concluded. The executive session may be extended to a stated later time by announcement of the chair/president.

An executive session may be conducted for one or more of the following purposes:

- A. To consider the selection of a site or the acquisition of real estate by lease or purchase when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased price;
- B. To consider the minimum price at which real estate will be offered for sale or lease when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of decreased price; however, the final action of selling or leasing public property shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- C. To review negotiations on the performance of publicly bid contracts when public knowledge regarding such consideration would cause a likelihood of increased costs;
- D. To receive and evaluate complaints or charges brought against a director or staff member; however, upon the request of such director or staff member, a public hearing or a meeting open to the public shall be conducted on such complaint or charge;
- E. To evaluate the qualifications of an applicant for public employment or to review the performance of a staff member; however, discussion of salaries, wages, and other conditions of employment to be generally applied within the district shall occur in a meeting open to the public, and when the Board elects to take the final action of hiring, setting the salary of an individual staff member or class of staff members, or discharging or disciplining an employee, that action shall be taken in a meeting open to the public;
- F. To evaluate the qualifications of a candidate for appointment to the Board; however, any interview of such candidate and final action appointing a candidate to the Board shall be in a meeting open to the public; or
- G. To discuss with legal counsel representing the district matters relating to district enforcement actions, or litigation or potential litigation to which the district, the Board, or a member acting in an official capacity is, or is likely to become, a party, when public knowledge regarding the discussion is likely to result in an adverse legal or financial consequence to the district. Potential litigation means matters protected by attorney-client privilege related to litigation that has been specifically threatened; litigation that the district reasonably believes may be commenced; or the litigation or legal risks of a proposed action or current practice of the district, if public discussion is likely to result in an adverse or financial consequence to the district.

The Open Public Meetings Act does not apply to certain Board activities and public notice is not required prior to holding a closed session for any of the following purposes:

- A. Consideration of a quasi-judicial matter between named parties as distinguished from a matter having a general effect on the public or a class or group; or
- B. Collective bargaining sessions with employee organizations or professional negotiations with an employee, including contract negotiations, grievance meetings, and discussions relating to the interpretation or application of a labor agreement, or when the Board is planning or adopting the strategy or position to be taken during the course of collective bargaining, professional negotiations, or grievance or mediation proceedings, or reviewing the proposals made in the negotiations or proceedings while in progress.

Legal References: RCW 42.30.110 Executive sessions
 RCW 42.30.140 Chapter controlling--Application

Adoption Date: 09.10.01

Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda

The Board Secretary shall be responsible for preparing the proposed agenda for each meeting, in accordance with the chair/president. Copies of the proposed agenda, minutes of the previous meeting and relevant supplementary information will be delivered to each Board member at least three (3) days in advance of the meeting and will be available to any interested citizen at the Superintendent's office twenty-four (24) hours prior to the meeting.

Consent Agenda

To expedite business at a school Board meeting, the Board approves the use of a consent agenda which includes those items considered to be routine in nature. The consent agenda will appear on the regular agenda following the Approval of Minutes of the previous meeting(s).

Any item which appears on the consent agenda may be removed from the consent agenda by a member of the Board. The remaining items will be voted on by a single motion. The approved motion will be recorded in the minutes, including a listing of all items appearing on the consent agenda.

Cross References: Board Policy 7315 Audit of Expenditures

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Proposed Agenda and Consent Agenda

Agenda

- I. Call to Order
- II. Pledge of Allegiance
- III. Changes to the Agenda
- IV. Introduction of Visitors
- V. Approval of Consent Agenda
 - A. Minutes
 - B. Vouchers and Payroll
 - C. Financial Report
 - D. Approval of Employment Contracts
 - E. Approval of Resignations
 - F. Approval of Leave Requests
- VI. Communications
- VII. Action Items
- VIII. Discussion Items
- IX. Items Arising
- X. Program
- XI. Board Reports
- XII. Superintendent's Report
- XIII. Administrative Reports
- XIV. Executive Session
- XV. Adjournment

Consent Agenda

The basic purpose of a consent agenda is to recognize routine matters in an expeditious manner. If a debatable item appears on the consent agenda, the item may be removed at the request of a Board member and inserted at an appropriate place on the agenda.

Some examples of items that may be included on the consent agenda are:

- * Authorization of Superintendent to sign claim forms in behalf of district
- * Approval of personnel actions (resignations, retirements, employments, discharges) during the month
- * Approval of staff travel during the month

The Board shall receive supporting information for the consent agenda items along with the regular agenda materials. Upon approval, all consent agenda items shall appear in the minutes.

Adoption Date:
08.11.99

Audience Participation

The Board recognizes the value of public comment on educational issues and the importance of involving members of the public in its meetings. In order to permit fair and orderly expression of such comment, the Board will provide a period at the beginning of the meeting during which visitors may make formal presentations. Such presentations should be scheduled in advance.

The Board will also allow individuals to express an opinion prior to Board action on agenda items the Board determines require or will benefit from public comment. Written and oral comment will be accepted by the Board before the adoption or amendment of policies not expressly or by implication authorized by state or federal law, but which will promote the education of kindergarten through twelfth grade students in public schools or will promote the effective, efficient or safe management and operation of the district. Individuals wishing to be heard by the Board shall first be recognized by the president. Individuals, after identifying themselves, will proceed to make comments as briefly as the subject permits. Any representative of a firm eligible to bid on materials or services solicited by the Board shall also be entitled to express an opinion. The president may interrupt or terminate an individual's statement when it is too lengthy, personally directed, abusive, obscene or irrelevant. The Board as a whole shall have the final decision in determining the appropriateness of all such rulings.

Individuals with disabilities who may need a modification to participate in a meeting should contact the Superintendent's office no later than three days before a regular meeting and as soon as possible in advance of a special meeting so that arrangements for the modification can be made.

Legal References:	RCW 42.30.030	Meetings declared open and public
	RCW 42.30.050	Interruptions--Procedures
	42U.S.C.	12101 - 12213 Americans with Disabilities Act

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Minutes

The Secretary of the Board shall keep the minutes of all Board meetings. Minutes become official after approval by the Board and shall be retained as a permanent record of the District. Minutes shall be comprehensive and shall show:

- A. The date, time and place of the meeting.
- B. The presiding officer.
- C. Members in attendance.
- D. Items discussed during the meeting and the results of any voting that may have occurred.
- E. Action to recess for executive session with a general statement of the purpose.
- F. Time of adjournment.
- G. Signature of presiding officer and date minutes approved.

When issues are discussed that may require a detailed record, the Board may direct the Secretary to record the discussion. Audio or video recordings shall be maintained on file as follows:

- If the recording is transcribed *verbatim* (word for word), the recording may be destroyed after one (1) year.
- If the recording is only used as a reference to create written minutes, the recording must be retained for six (6) years.

Unofficial minutes shall be delivered to Board members in advance of the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Board and shall also be available to other interested citizens. Minutes need not be read publicly, provided that members have had an opportunity to review them before adoption.

A file of permanent minutes of all Board meetings will be maintained in the office of the Board Secretary to be made available for inspection upon the request of any interested citizen.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 6750 Property and Data Management

Legal References: RCW 28A.400.030 Superintendent's duties
 RCW 40.14.070 Destruction of records
 RCW 42.32.030 Public meetings--Minutes

Management Resources: *Policy News*, April 2010 Retention of Board Meeting Minutes

Revised: 12.99; 04.10

Absence of A Board Member

Whenever possible each Board member shall give advance notice to the President or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting. A majority of the Board may excuse a Board member's absence from a meeting if requested to do so.

The Board may declare a Board member's position vacant after four (4) consecutive unexcused absences from regular Board meetings, if the absences were for reasons other than illness or active or training military duty.

If a Board member is on active duty or training status with the military, the Board shall grant an extended leave of absence to cover the period of service or training. The extended leave of absence may not have the effect of extending the Board member's term. The Board also has the authority to appoint a temporary successor to the absent Board member's position. The temporary successor shall serve until the Board member returns or the end of the Board member's term.

Cross References: Board Policy 1115 Board Vacancies

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.343.390 Directors--Quorum--Failure to attend meetings
 RCW 73.16.041 Leaves of absence of elective and judicial officers

Revised: 02.04.00; 12.07.01

Conflicts of Interest

No school director or the Superintendent shall be beneficially interested, directly or indirectly, in any contract made by, through or under the supervision of the director or Superintendent, except as provided below:

Any contract, purchase of materials or activity paid for from school funds if the total volume received by the district officer or his or her business does not exceed \$1,500.00 in any calendar month. The district shall maintain a list of all contracts covered under this paragraph and the list shall be available for public inspection and copying.

An individual director may be designated as clerk and/or purchasing agent at the prevailing hourly wage.

The spouse of a director or the Superintendent may be employed as a substitute teacher on the same terms and at the same compensation as other substitute teachers in the district. The Superintendent must find that the number of qualified substitute teachers in the district is insufficient to meet the anticipated needs for short-term and one-day substitute teachers, and the Superintendent must ensure that substitute teachers are assigned to available positions in a fair and impartial manner.

Prior to approval of the employment of a director or spouse of a school director or Superintendent, the Board of Directors shall be advised of the number of other individuals who are qualified for and interested in the position(s) to be filled. The district shall not discriminate in any way against any applicant for a certified position or any certificated employee on the basis of a family relationship with a school director or the Superintendent. All employment decisions shall be made on the basis of choosing the applicant which furthers the best interest of the school district.

If a person is employed by the District under contract as a classified or certificated employee before his or her spouse becomes a director or Superintendent, the contract can be renewed for further employment, provided that the terms of the contract are commensurate with the pay plan or collective bargaining agreement operating in the district for that position.

A director may not vote on the authorization, approval or ratification of a contract in which he or she beneficially interested and to which one of the exemptions described above applies.

Whenever a director, or his or her spouse or dependent is employed by the District, the director shall refrain from participating in Board action affecting the employment status of the director, spouse or dependent. Actions affecting employment status include, but are not limited to, hiring, establishing compensation and fringe benefits, setting working conditions, conducting performance evaluations, considering or imposing discipline and termination. In addition, upon assuming office and annually thereafter, the member shall disclose to other Board members in an open public meeting the fact that his or her spouse is an employee of the district and notation of said disclosure shall be recorded in the official minutes of the meeting.

The Superintendent shall maintain a log of any contract subject to this policy and annually or when a new director assumes office, shall inform the Board of the existence of all such contracts.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.405.250	Certificated employees, applicants for certificated position, not to be discriminated against
	RCW 28A.635.050	Certain corrupt practices of school officials--Penalty
	RCW 42.23.030	Interest in contracts prohibited--Excepted cases
	RCW 42.23.040	Remote interest

Adoption Date: 02.18.02

The Board -Superintendent Relationship

The successful operation of schools requires a close effective working relationship between the designated governing body. The Board retains final authority within the district. The Board exercises those powers that are expressly required by law and those implied by law. The Superintendent is the Board's professional advisor to whom the Board delegates executive responsibility and such powers as may be required to manage the district in a manner consistent with Board policy and state and federal law.

The Superintendent, as executive officer of the Board, shall be responsible for the administration of the schools under applicable laws and policies of the district. The Board shall delineate the duties of the Superintendent and shall use them as the basis for evaluating the Superintendent's performance. Unless specifically limited, the Superintendent may delegate to other staff the exercise of any powers and the discharge of any duties imposed by district policy or a vote of the Board. The delegation of power or duty shall not relieve the Superintendent of responsibility for the actions taken under such a delegation.

In order to perform their responsibilities, Board members must be familiar with the operations within the schools. The Superintendent shall establish communication procedures which can enhance the Board member's understanding of student programs and school operations.

Legal References:	RCW 28A.320.010	Corporate powers
	RCW 28A.330.100	Additional powers of the Board (First Class Districts Only)
	RCW 28A.400.010	Employment of Superintendent--Superintendent's qualifications, general powers, term, contract renewal
	RCW 28A.400.030	Superintendent's duties

Adoption Date: 04.10.98

Board - Superintendent Relations and Board - Staff Communications

The following communications procedures are established:

Staff Communications to the Board All communications or reports to the Board or individual Board members from principals, supervisors, teachers, or other staff members shall be submitted through the Superintendent. This shall not deny any staff member's right to appeal to the Board regarding administrative decisions, provided that the Superintendent shall have been notified of the forthcoming appeal and that it is processed according to the applicable procedures on complaints and grievances.

Board Communications to Staff All official communications, policies, and directives of staff interest and concern will be communicated to staff members through the Superintendent. The Superintendent will employ all such media as are appropriate to keep staff fully informed of the Boards priorities, concerns and actions.

Visits to Schools Individual Board members interested in visiting schools or classrooms will make arrangements for visitations through the principals of the various schools. Such visits shall be regarded as expressions of interest in school affairs and not as "inspections" or visits for supervisory or administrative purposes. Official visits by Board members will be carried on only under Board authorization and with the full knowledge of staff, including the Superintendent, principals and other supervisors.

Social Interaction Staff and Board members share a keen interest in the schools and in education. When they meet at social affairs and other functions, informal discussion on such matters as educational trends, issues, and innovations and general district problems can be anticipated. Discussions of personalities or staff grievances is not appropriate.

Evaluation of the Superintendent

The Board shall establish evaluative criteria and shall be responsible for evaluating the performance of the Superintendent as provided by statute.

The Superintendent shall have the opportunity for confidential conferences with the Board members on no less than two occasions in each school year, the purpose of which shall be the aiding of the Superintendent in his/her performance. The Board, on the basis of the evaluation, may renew and/or extend the Superintendent's contract for periods not to exceed three years.

Legal References: RCW 28A.405.100 Minimum criteria for the evaluation of certificated employees, including administrators--Procedure--Scope--Penalty

Adoption Date: 04.10.98

Board Member Expenses

The actual expenses of Board members while traveling to and from and attending Board meetings may be paid. The expenses of Board members who attend conferences or meetings as representatives of the district may be paid. Such expenses for conferences may be paid in advance. A director may be reimbursed for gratuities not exceeding customary percentages for the cost of meals as well as reasonable amounts for such services as baggage handling when the costs are incurred while the individual is engaged in district business or other approved travel.

Cross References: Board Policy 5341 Reimbursement for Travel
 Board Policy 5343 Charge Card

Legal References: RCW 28A.320.050 Reimbursement of expenses--Advancing anticipated expenses
 RCW 43.03.170 Advance warrants--Issuance--Limitations

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Board Member Expenses

At a Board member's request, advance payment to cover anticipated expenses for representing the district may be made. After returning from the meeting or conference, the Board member shall submit a detailed travel voucher and return the unexpended portion of the advance payment.

Reimbursable expenses are:

- A. Transportation expense including fares for commercial or public carriers and mileage at the district-approved rate when using one's own private vehicle;
- B. Fees and registration costs for conferences and meetings;
- C. Hotel or motel fees at a single-room rate;
- D. Reasonable expenses for meals; and
- E. Such incidental expenses as parking fees, reasonable duplication costs and the like which are incurred for the benefit of the district.

Expenses for personal benefit or entertainment shall not be reimbursed.

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Board Member Insurance

The district shall maintain sufficient insurance to protect the Board and its individual members against liability arising from actions of the Board or its individual members while each is acting on behalf of the district and within his/her authority as a Board member.

An individual Board member may participate at his/her own cost in any of the personal liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability, salary protection or other form of insurance made available to district staff if plan sponsors permit such participation.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 8310	Liability Insurance
Legal References:	RCW 4.24.470	Liability of officials and members of governing body of public agency
	RCW 4.96.010	Tortuous conduct of political subdivision--Liability for damage
	RCW 28A.400.350	Liability, life, health, health care, accident, disability and salary insurance authorized--Premiums
	RCW 28A.400.360	Liability insurance for officials and employees authorized
	RCW 28A.320.100	Actions against officers, employees or agents of school districts and educational service districts--Defense, costs, fees--Payment of obligation
	RCW 28A.320.060	Officers, employees or agents of school districts or educational service districts, insurance to protect and hold personally harmless

Adoption Date: 04.01.97

Board Member Compensation

Each Board member may receive compensation of fifty dollars per day or portion thereof for attending Board meetings and for performing other services on behalf of the school district, not to exceed four thousand eight hundred dollars per year. Such compensation shall come from locally collected excess levy funds available for that purpose, and shall not cause the state to incur any present or future funding obligation.

Any Board member may waive all or any portion of his/her compensation for any month or months during his/her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district. The waiver may be filed any time after the director's election and before the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.343.400 Directors--Compensation--Waiver

Adoption Date: 02.04.00

Board Member Compensation

A Board member is eligible to receive compensation at the rate of fifty dollars (\$50) per day, or for a portion of a day, for the following activities:

- A. Attending regular or special meetings of the Board;
- B. Serving as a designated representative of the Board, including, but not limited to, such activities as: school committees, community development and/or betterment committees, collective bargaining, etc;
- C. Attending Board approved training and/or development activities, including, but not limited to: regional, state, or national school Board association conferences, Board in-service meetings, etc. This may also include time involved in traveling to and from the activity; and
- D. Attending special Board related activities when approved by the Board in advance, including, but not limited to: building dedications, commencement activities, staff retirements, and other such ceremonies.

Total compensation for a calendar year shall not exceed four thousand eight hundred dollars (\$4,800.00), plus reasonable expenses incurred for travel, meals and lodging.

Any Board member may waive all or any portion of his/her compensation for any month or months during his/her term of office, by a written waiver filed with the district. The waiver may be filed any time after the director's election and before the date on which the compensation would otherwise be paid. The waiver shall specify the month or period of months for which it is made.

A Board member shall submit a monthly claim which verifies the nature and amount of the approved activities for which compensation is claimed during the month. A director is only eligible to make one compensation claim for a given day.

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Annual Goals and Objectives

Each year the Board will formulate goals and objectives. The goals and objectives may include but are not limited to the Board functions of vision, structure, accountability and advocacy.

At the conclusion of the year, the Board shall reflect on the degree to which the goals and objectives have been accomplished by conducting a Board self-evaluation and engaging in Board development activities where needed.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 1005	Key Functions of the Board
	Board Policy 1820	Evaluation of the Board
	Board Policy 1822	Training and Development

Adoption Date: 12.15.98

Evaluation of The Board

At the conclusion of each year, the Board shall evaluate its own performance in terms of generally accepted principles of successful Board operations and in relation to its annual goals and objectives. The Board self-evaluation shall address performance in the key functions of school Boards vision, structure, accountability and advocacy. The results of the self-evaluation shall be used in setting goals for the subsequent year.

Cross Reference:	Board Policy 1005	Key Functions of the Board
	Board Policy 1810	Annual Goals and Objectives
	Board Policy 1822	Training and Development for Board Members

Adoption Date: 12.15.98

Evaluation of the Board

Each individual Board member shall annually review the code of governance as a basis for evaluating his/her own conduct as an elected representative of the Board of directors. Collectively, the Board shall evaluate its performance in terms of its four major functions:

- A. Vision: The Board shall demonstrate its responsibility for providing a community vision of its schools by:
 - 1. Working with the community to determine the district's educational program and what students need to know and be able to do;
 - 2. Formulating educational goals based on these community expectations and the needs of students;
 - 3. Encouraging leadership, instruction and assessment, and curriculum development activities directed toward goals; and
 - 4. Annually reviewing the district's progress and direction against its vision.

- B. Structure: The Board shall demonstrate its responsibilities for establishing an organizational structure by:
 - 1. Enacting policies that provide a definite course of action;
 - 2. Monitoring the implementation of policies;
 - 3. Employing qualified staff;
 - 4. Reviewing proposed labor agreements, staffing recommendations and staff evaluations;
 - 5. Formulating budgets; and
 - 6. Working to ensure a healthy learning and working environment that supports continuous improvement.

- C. Accountability: The Board shall demonstrate accountability by:
 - 1. Reviewing budget proposals, revenues and expenditures;
 - 2. Approving materials, equipment and/or methods consistent with goals;
 - 3. Requiring and monitoring periodic evaluations of school programs.
 - 4. Reviewing building and grounds maintenance and needs,
 - 5. Reviewing transportation services and other support services; and
 - 6. Initiating and reviewing internal and external audits.

- D. Advocacy: The Board shall advocate for education and on behalf of students and their schools by:
 - 1. Keeping the community informed about its schools;
 - 2. Participating in school and community activities; and
 - 3. Encouraging citizen involvement in the schools.

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Training and Development For Board Members

In keeping with the need for continuing training and development to enhance effective Boardsmanship, the Board encourages the participation of its members at appropriate Board conferences, workshops and conventions. Funds for participation at such meetings will be budgeted for on an annual basis.

Cross References: Board Policy 1005 Key Functions of the Board
 Board Policy 1810 Annual Goals and Objectives
 Board Policy 1820 Evaluation of the Board

Adoption Date: 12.15.98

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Board of Directors

Participation in School Board s' Association

As required by law, the Board members are members of the Washington State School Directors' Association. Since the association establishes the rate of membership dues at its annual meeting, provides services in response to members' needs and develops and implements a legislative program at the direction of its members, Board members are encouraged to participate in the governance of the association.

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.345.020 Membership

Adoption Date: 04.01.97