

BOARD OFFICERS AND DUTIES OF BOARD MEMBERS

Chair

The Chair 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 shall conduct the meetings in the manner prescribed by the Board's policies, provided that the Chair 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 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 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 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 or his/her designee will serve as the spokesperson of the Board. The Chair is authorized to report and discuss those actions which have been taken and those decisions made by the Board as a body. The Chair shall avoid speculating upon actions or decisions which the Board may take but has not yet taken.

The Chair shall confer with the superintendent regarding Board meetings, work sessions, and Board retreat planning. The Chair shall also confer with the superintendent regarding issues of an immediate and sensitive nature.

Officers of the Board: Vice-Chair

The Vice-Chair shall preside at Board meetings in the absence of the Chair and shall perform all of the duties of the Chair 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 1 in an even year for a two-year period. The legislative representative/designee shall attend Washington State School Directors' Association Assemblies, conveying local views and concerns to that body, and participate in the formulation of state legislative programs. The legislative representative shall monitor proposed school legislation and inform the Board of the issues. The Board, at their discretion, may elect to have the Chair or Vice-Chair serve as the Legislative Representative.

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 Chair 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 three consecutive unexcused absences from regular Board meetings.

Legal References:	RCW	28A.315.520	Directors—Quorum—Failure to attend meetings may result in vacation of office
		28A.320	Provisions applicable to all districts
		28A.330.100	Additional powers of the Board
	RCW	28A.330.030	Duties of president
		28A330.080	Payment of Claims—Signing of warrants
		28A.330.200	Organization of the Board
	RCW	28A.330.040	Duties of vice president