

Policy Type: Governance Culture

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Officers' Roles

The officers of the Board are those listed in this policy. Their duties are those assigned by this policy, and others required by law.

President

The President provides leadership to the Board, ensures the faithful execution of the Board's processes, exercises interpretive responsibilities with integrity, reflecting the spirit and intent of the Board's policies, and normally serves as the Board's official spokesperson.

The President has the following specific authority and duties:

- 1. Monitor Board actions to ensure that they are consistent with the Board's own rules and policies and with other obligations imposed by agencies whose authority supersedes the Board's own authority.
 - a. Conduct and monitor Board meeting deliberations to ensure that Board discussion and action are focused on Board issues, as defined in Board policy (see GC-3).
 - b. Ensure that Board meeting discussions are productive, efficient and orderly.
 - c. Chair Board meetings using the authority normally vested in the chair as described in *Robert's Rules of Order, Newly Revised.*
 - d. Lead timely Board meeting debriefings and periodic self-assessments to ensure continuous process improvement.
- 2. Make all interpretive decisions of Board policies in the *Governance Culture* and *Board/Superintendent Relationship* sections, using reasonable judgment. The President is not authorized to:
 - a. Make any interpretive decisions about policies created by the Board in the *Goals* and *Operational Expectations* policy areas. Interpretation of these policies is the responsibility of the Superintendent;
 - b. Exercise any authority as an individual to supervise or direct the Superintendent.
 - c. Serve as a barrier between the Superintendent and the Board.
- 3. Ensure the compilation of the Board's summative evaluation of the Superintendent.
- 4. Represent the Board as its official spokesperson about issues decided by the Board and other matters related to official Board business.
- 5. Execute all documents authorized by the Board, except as otherwise provided by law.
- 6. Appoint members of all Board committees and Board liaisons to other organizations unless otherwise established in this policy.
- 7. On behalf of the Board, and in concert with the Superintendent, develop proposed Board meeting agendas consistent with the Board's annual work plan.



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8. Be the Board's point of contact with the Board's legal counsel. No other Board member may incur cost to the District by initiating a consultation with the Board's legal counsel without either going through the Board President or first obtaining the approval of the Board.

Vice-President

The Vice-President shall serve as President in the event of the President's absence or inability to perform assigned duties. The Vice President will be elected among the board members at the first regular meeting in December for a one-year period.

Legislative Representative

The Legislative Representative serves as the board's liaison with the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) on legislative issues. The Legislative Representative will be elected among the board members at the first regular meeting in December in even numbered years and will serve for a period of two (2) years. The Legislative Representative will represent the board at WSSDA's Legislative Assembly, conveying local views and concerns to that body and, when appropriate, obtaining their Board's support for a legislative proposal to be submitted to the Assembly and supporting it at the Assembly. The Legislative Representative will monitor proposed school legislation, and provide legislative updates periodically at board meetings. Additionally, the Legislative Representative will build relationships with local policy makers regarding WSSDA's legislative positions and priorities.

Washington State Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA) Representative

A WIAA representative shall serve as the board's liaison with the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association. The WIAA Representative will be elected among the board members at the first regular meeting in December for a one-year period.

Washington State School Director Association (WSSDA) Delegate

A WSSDA delegate shall serve as the board's liaison with the Washington State School Directors' Association. The WSSDA Delegate will be elected among the board members at the first regular meeting in December for a one-year period.

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