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.

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

Management Resources: *Policy News*, October 2001, Law Grants Board M\embers Military Leave

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