POLICY NO. 1001
Adopted: 5-24-00

LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION

POLICY:

Legal Status

The Board of Directors of the Lake Stevens 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 Lake Stevens School District No. 4, Snohomish 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 Opinion, and regulations of the State Board of Education (Title 180 WAC), and the State Superintendent of Public Inspection (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 County Auditor has certified the election results. Prior to beginning their term directors shall take and subscribe to an Oath of Office.

Cross Reference:

Policy No. 1111: Oath of Office

Legal References:

RCW 28A.150.230 Basic Education Act of 1977
RCW 28A.315.035 Organization of school districts
RCW 28A.300.065 Classification and numbering system 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.315.500 Directors-Oath of Office
RCW 29.13.050 Commencement of terms of officers-Organization of district board of directors