

## **District Board of Directors: Legal Status and Operation**

### **Purpose**

This policy identifies the legal establishment of the Valley School District and its Board of Directors.

### **Scope**

This policy applies to the Board of Directors and administration of Valley School District.

### **Policy**

#### **1. LEGAL STATUS**

- 1.1. The Board of Directors of the 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 ensure quality in the content of the district's educational program and provide students with an opportunity to achieve those skills recognized as requisite to learning.
- 1.2. The Board of Directors is the legislative body of the district. The bylaws of the Board (policy series 1000) define the organization of the Board and its manner of conducting official business. The Board's operating policies are those that the Board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities.

#### **2. ORGANIZATION**

- 2.1. The corporate name of this school district is Valley School District No. 070, Stevens County, State of Washington. The district is classified as a second class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to that class of district.
- 2.2. The Board's legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code (Title 28A RCW), attorney general opinions, and regulation of the State Board of Education (Title 180 WAC) and the Superintendent of Public Instruction (Title 392 WAC) delineate the legal powers, duties and responsibilities of the Board of Directors.
- 2.3. In order to achieve its primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become an effective citizen, the Board will exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state.

#### **3. NUMBER OF MEMBERS AND TERMS OF OFFICE**

- 3.1. The Board will consist of five (5) members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, Board members will hold office for terms of four (4) years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of Board members will be staggered as provided by law.
- 3.2. Newly-elected directors will 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 will take and subscribe to an oath of office.

**Related Procedures**

1622P1-Policy and Procedure Guidelines

**Policy Cross References**

1111-Oath of Office

1312-Adoption and Amendments of Policies and Bylaws

**Policy Legal References**

RCW 28A.150.230 – Basic Education Act — District school directors' responsibilities

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.320.040 – Directors — Bylaws for board and school government

RCW 28A.343.300 – Director — Terms — Numbers

RCW 28A.343.320 – Directors — Declarations of candidacy — Positions as separate offices

RCW 28A.343.330 – Directors — Ballots — Form

RCW 28A.320.020 – Liability for debts and judgments

RCW 28A.343.360 – Directors — Oath of Office

RCW 29A.60.270 – Local officers, beginning of terms — Organization of district boards of directors

RCW 29A.60.280 – Local elected officials, commencement of term of office — Purpose

**Management Resources**

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