

Northshore School District

BOARD POLICY

No. 1260

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Powers and Duties of the Board

The public schools of Northshore belong to the residents of the school district. They are operated in the public interest by the Board of Directors, a representative body chosen by the voters and responsible to them for the proper administration of the schools. It is the primary responsibility of the board to develop district policy and to see to it that these policies are translated into actual practice by the superintendent and the administrative staff.

In the state of Washington, local school districts are created by the legislature to execute the educational policy as defined in the constitution and in state laws passed by succeeding legislative sessions. As a result, the work of public schools is a state-government function.

Major functions

1. Establish policy. The board is responsible for determining and adopting policy to govern the operation of the district.
2. Appoint a superintendent. The responsibility for the selection and employment of the superintendent rests solely with the board.
3. Monitor operations. The board is responsible for ensuring that the district is operated in accordance with established district policy and the rules and regulations of the state of Washington.
4. Set goals. The board is responsible for establishing both long-range and annual goals for the district.

Specific duties

1. Select and appoint the superintendent.
2. Approve the annual budget of the district.
3. Develop and adopt district policy.

4. Approve the employment of personnel based upon the recommendation of the superintendent.
5. Approve the payment of district bills and the payroll.
6. Monitor the financial condition of the district.
7. Approve the calling for and awarding of bids as required by law.
8. Approve the course of study and adoption of instructional materials.
9. Approve the selection and employment of architects and engineers for major capital improvement projects of the district upon recommendation of the superintendent.

Cross Reference:
WSSDA Policy No. 1005, Key functions of the board

Legal Reference: RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers

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