

Section: **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Policy Title: **Absence of a Board Member**

Whenever possible each board member will give advance notice to the chair/president or superintendent of his/her inability to attend a board meeting. The board President 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 1. Illness; or 2) active or training military duty or 3) those authorized by resolution of the board.

If a board member is on active duty or training status with the military, the board will 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.

Cross References: Board Policy 1115 Board Vacancies
Board Policy 1220 Board Officers and Duties of Board Members

Legal References: RCW 28A.343.390 Directors - Quorum - Failure to attend meetings
RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy
RCW 73.16.041 Leaves of absence of elective and judicial officers

Management Resources:

Policy News, October 2001 - Law Grants Board Members Military
Leave

Policy and Legal News, July 2016

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