

Addressing School Director Violations

Purpose

The Sequim School Board and each of its school directors are committed to faithful compliance with the law, provisions of the Board's policies, and exercising ethical conduct.

Policy Statement

The Board recognizes that failure to deal with deliberate or continuing violations of the law, and/or Board policies, or lapses in ethical conduct by its school board members risks the loss of community confidence and damages the Board's ability to govern effectively.

Therefore, in the event of a Board member's willful and/or continuing violation or perceived violation of law, policy, or judgment will be addressed through the following process, which is intended to escalate only as necessary:

1. Conversation in a private setting between the allegedly offending School Director and the Board Chair or Vice Chair if the offending member is the board chair, identified by the Board;
2. Discussion in a properly convened executive session between the allegedly offending School Director and the full Board;
3. Possible removal of the offending School Director from any leadership or committee positions to which the offending School Director has been appointed or elected to by the Board;
4. Censure of the offending School Director by adopting a resolution in an open meeting as a means of separating the Board's focus and intent from those of the offending School Director.

Cross References:

1111 - Oath of Office
1220 - Board Officers and Duties of Board Members
1610 - Conflicts of Interest 1st Class Districts
1610 - Conflicts of Interest 2nd Class Districts
1815 - Ethical Conduct for School Directors

Legal References:

RCW 28A.320.040 Bylaws for board and school government
RCW 28A.635.050 – Certain corrupt practices of school officials

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