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LAKWOOD SCHOOL DISTRICT #306
BOARD POLICY #1412

1000 SCHOOL BOARD OPERATIONS

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1412 Duties of the Officers

The authority of individual board members is limited to participating in actions taken by the Board as a whole when legally in session. Board members shall not assume responsibilities of administrators or other staff members. The Board or staff shall not be bound in any way by any action taken or statement made by any individual Board member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions and official action taken by the Board.

Each Board member shall review the agenda and any study materials distributed prior to the meeting and be prepared to participate in the discussion and decision-making for each agenda item.

Each member is obligated to attend Board meetings regularly. Whenever possible, each director shall give advance notice to the Chairperson or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting.

Chair/President

The chair/president shall preside at all meetings of the Board and sign all papers and documents as required by law or as authorized by action of the board. The Chair/president shall conduct the meetings in the manner prescribed by the board's policies, provided that the chair/president shall have the full right to participate in all aspects of board action without relinquishing the chair, including the right to vote on all matters put to vote.

It shall be the responsibility of the board chair/president to manage the board's deliberation so that it shall be clear, concise, and directed to the issue at hand; summarize discussion and/or action before moving on to the next agenda item; and to generally manage the meeting so that the agenda is treated in an expeditious manner.

The chair/president shall be the official recipient of correspondence directed to the board and shall provide, or cause to be provided to other board members and the superintendent, copies of the correspondence received on behalf of the board.

The chair/president is authorized to consult with the superintendent on issues prior to presentation to the full board and perform tasks to facilitate board meetings.

In dealing with the media and the public in general, the chair/president or his/her designee will serve as the spokesperson of the board. The chair/president is authorized to report and discuss those actions which have taken place and those decisions made by the board as a body. The chair/president shall avoid speculating upon actions or decisions which the board may take but has not yet taken.

The chair/president shall confer with the superintendent regarding board meeting, study session and board retreat planning.

Officers of the Board: Vice Chair/President

The vice chair/president shall preside at board meetings in the absence of the chair/president and shall perform all the duties of the president in case of his/her absence or disability.

Legislative Representative

A legislative representative shall serve as the board's liaison with the Washington State School Directors' Association Legislative Assembly. The legislative representative shall attend Washington State School Directors' Association Assemblies, conveying local views and concerns to that body and participating in the formulation of state legislative programs. The legislative representative shall monitor proposed school legislation and inform the board of the issues.

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