
LEGAL STATUS AND OPERATION

Legal Status

The board of directors of the Woodland 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~~end that~~ students with an opportunity~~shall have ample opportunity~~ to achieve those skills recognized as requisite to~~their individual and collective~~ learning needs.

The policies of the board define the organization of the board and ~~its~~the manner of conducting ~~its~~ official business. The board's operating policies are those that the board adopts from time to time to facilitate the performance of its responsibilities. ~~Policies shall continue from year to year and board to board until and unless the board changes them.~~

Organization

The corporate name of this school district is Woodland School District No. 404, Cowlitz and Clark Counties, state of Washington. The district is classified as a ~~second~~first class district and is operated in accordance with the laws and regulations pertaining to ~~second~~first class districts.

In order to achieve its vision that in partnership with families and the community creating a PreK-12 system that serves and supports all children— and ensures that each child has full access to, is engaged in, and obtains an excellent education that prepares them for responsible citizenship and a future of adaptability and success in life and their chosen endeavors, primary goal of providing each child with the necessary skills and attitudes, commensurate with his/her ability, to become effective citizens, the board will~~shall~~ exercise the full authority granted to it by the laws of the state. Its legal powers, duties and responsibilities are derived from state statute and regulation. Sources such as the school code (~~Title 28A RCW~~), (~~Title 28A RCW~~), attorney general's opinions, regulations and regulations of the ~~State Board~~state board of Education (Title 180 WAC), ~~education (Title 180 WAC)~~ and the ~~State Superintendent~~state superintendent of Public Instruction (Title 392 WAC), ~~public instruction (Title 392 WAC)~~ delineate the legal powers, duties, and responsibilities of the board.

Number of Members and Terms of Office

The board will~~shall~~ consist of five members, elected by ballot by the registered voters of the district. Except as otherwise provided by law, board members will~~shall~~ hold office for terms of four years and until their successors are elected and qualified. Terms of board members will~~shall~~ be staggered as provided by law.

Newly ~~—~~elected directors will~~shall~~ 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~~shall~~ take and subscribe to an oath of office.

Student Liaison to the Board

One (1) high school student, selected by the ASB officers, current student liaison and advisor in May will officially represent students with the board. The term of office will be June 1 through May 31.

The student representative will be free to participate in all actions and activities of the board except the following:

- A. Voting
- B. Executive Sessions

The student representative shall receive the normal background information provided the other board members as appropriate.

~~Cross References: Board Policy 1111 Oath of office~~

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<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>RCW 28A.150.230</u>	<u>District school directors' responsibilities</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.300.065</u>	<u>Classification and numbering system of school districts</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.315.035</u>	<u>Organization of school districts</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.320.010</u>	<u>Corporate powers</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.320.040</u>	<u>Directors — Bylaws for board and school government</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.343.300</u>	<u>Director — Terms — Numbers</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.343.320</u>	<u>Directors — Declarations of candidacy — Positions as separate offices</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.343.330</u>	<u>Directors — Ballots — Form</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.320.020</u>	<u>Liability for debts and judgments</u>
	<u>RCW 28A.343.360</u>	<u>Directors — Oath of Office</u>
	<u>RCW 29A.60.270</u>	<u>Local officers, beginning of terms — Organization of district boards of directors</u>
	<u>RCW 29A.60.280</u>	<u>Local elected officials, commencement of term of office — Purpose</u>

References: ~~RCW 28A.150.230 Basic Education Act of 1977~~
~~RCW 28A.315.035 Organization of school districts~~
~~RCW 28A.300.065 Classification and numbering system~~
~~of school districts~~
~~RCW 28A.320.010 Corporate powers~~
~~RCW28A.320.020 Liability for debts and judgments~~
~~RCW28A.320.040 Directors~~
~~RCW28A.315.450 Directors Elections Terms Numbers~~
~~RCW28A.315.470 Directors Declaration of candidaey~~
~~RCW 28A.315.480 Directors Ballots Form~~
~~RCW28A.315.500 Directors Oath of Office~~
~~RCW29.13.050 Commencement of terms of officers~~
~~Organization of district board of~~
~~directors~~

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