

SITE ACQUISITION

The district ~~will~~ attempt to acquire building sites substantially in advance of the actual need to construct~~construction of~~ facilities in order to minimize delay in ~~construction~~ projects and to realize financial savings to the district. The board ~~will~~ periodically review its inventory of land in light of growth trends in the district and local land ~~use~~ restrictions, and make such transactions as it determines ~~will~~ best meet the future needs of the district.

Prior to any purchase of real estate, the district ~~will~~ obtain a market value appraisal by a professionally designated real estate appraiser or by a general real estate appraiser certified under Chapter 18.140 as defined in RCW 74.46.020. The board ~~will~~ select the appraiser. The appraisal should identify the relevant zoning and Growth Management Act specifications to determine whether the intended use of the property is legally permitted. The district may investigate whether real estate outside the Urban Growth Area can be utilized for the siting of schools and school facilities.

In acquiring a new site, the board ~~should~~~~always~~ first attempt to reach settlement with the owner through negotiations. Eminent domain proceedings may be commenced at the outset of the decision to purchase a particular site to avoid delay in the event of a negotiations breakdown. ~~The, but the~~ district ~~may~~ resort to condemnation ~~only~~ when it ~~believes is obvious~~ that negotiations ~~will~~ not lead to an amicable settlement. The district will comply with applicable relocation assistance requirements relating to the acquisition of sites.

The board must approve any purchase of real estate.

Legal References:

Chapter 8.16 RCW Eminent Domain by School Districts
Chapter 8.26 RCW Relocation Assistance—Real Property Acquisition Policy
RCW 28A.335.090 Conveyance and acquisition of property — Management — Appraisal

RCW 28A.335.220 Eminent Domain
Chapter 36.70A RCW Growth Management Act
ESHB 1017 and HB 2243 School Siting—Rural Areas—Growth Management Act
Chapter 39.33 RCW Intergovernmental Disposition of Property

Management Resources:

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