Absence of a Board Member

Whenever possible, each Board member will give advance notice to the President or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting. A majority of the Board 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; 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:	1220 – Board Officers and Duties of Board Members 1114 – Board Member Resignation and Vacancy	
Legal Reference:	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:	2016 – July Issue Policy News, October 2001 Law Grants Board Members Military Leave	

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