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**QUALICUM SCHOOL DISTRICT
POLICY COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE - AGENDA**

**MONDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2023
1:00 P.M.
VIA VIDEO CONFERENCING**

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Meeting ID: 299 157 061 62

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Facilitator: Trustee Carol Kellogg

Mandate: To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on all matters related to Bylaws, Policy, Administrative Procedures.

AGENDA - REVISED

We would like to give thanks and acknowledge that the lands on which we work and learn are on the shared traditional territory of the Qualicum and Snaw-Naw-As (Nanoose) First Nations People.

1. INTRODUCTIONS

2. FOR DISCUSSION

- a. Bylaw 2 – Board Structure – review and approve as currently written

3. FOR INFORMATION

- a. Administrative Procedure to Board Policy 603: Employee Attendance Support
- Additional wording re: communicating absences with direct supervisor.

4. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO FIRST READING (Intent and philosophy and edits)

- a. Bylaw 3: Meetings of the Board
- b. Bylaw 4: Banking
- c. 103: New/Repurposed Facilities
- d. 105: Use of School Facilities

5. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO SECOND READING (Line by line content and edits)

- a. 600: Personnel (changes to years of service)

6. POLICIES POTENTIALLY GOING TO THIRD AND FINAL READING

(Final review)

- a. Bylaw 1: *Board of Education*

7. FUTURE TOPICS

- a. Bylaw 5 – housekeeping/wordsmithing
- b. Bylaw 6 – housekeeping/wordsmithing
- c. Bylaw 7 – review and approve as currently written
- d. Policy 100: Sustainable Practices – suggested changes to the committee for consideration.

8. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, November 20, 2023 via video conferencing



PURPOSE

A bylaw to set out processes for inaugural meetings, election of the chairperson and vice chairperson, appointment of trustee representatives, trustee remuneration, and duties of the chairperson and presiding officers.

I. INAUGURAL MEETINGS

1. In an election year, the Inaugural Meeting of the Board of Education, shall be held on the first Monday after November 1.
2. The Chairperson of the Inaugural Meeting shall be the Secretary Treasurer until such time as the Chairperson of the Board has been elected.
3. Election of the Chairperson shall be in accordance with the procedures outlined in Section II.
4. The interim Chairperson shall announce the results of the trustee elections prior to the swearing-in ceremonies.
5. The Swearing of Oaths and the taking of Declarations shall be done by the Secretary Treasurer, or by a Judge of a Court of Record or by a Justice.
6. The interim Chairperson shall call for nominations for Chairperson of the Board by ballot and then declare nominations closed. A ballot vote shall be held and that person receiving more than one-half of the total number of votes cast shall be declared elected. If no person receives a clear majority, the person with the least number of votes shall be dropped and a further ballot conducted. If a tie vote shall continue to occur, the meeting shall be adjourned for a period of not more than one week to a time when all members of the Board are able to be present. This process will continue until a chairperson is elected.
7. Following the election of the Chairperson of the Board the order of business shall be:
 - a. Election of a Vice Chairperson of the Board
 - b. Motion to destroy the nomination and election ballots
 - c. Passage of Banking Resolutions
 - d. Discussion of Committee and Representative Appointments
8. The election of Vice Chairperson shall follow the same procedure as that for the Chairperson.

II. ANNUAL ELECTION OF CHAIRPERSON & VICE CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD
(non-election years)

1. The Chairperson and the Vice Chairperson shall be elected for a term of one year commencing September 1st of each year, except in election years.



The election shall be held at the Regular Board Meeting in August of each year, except in election years. In an election year, the Chairperson and Vice Chairperson terms will extend up to the trustee elections.

2. Until the Board Chairperson is elected, the Interim Chairperson of the meeting shall be the Secretary Treasurer.
3. The interim Chairperson shall call for nominations by ballot for Chairperson of the Board and then declare nominations closed. A ballot vote shall be held and that person receiving more than one-half of the total number of votes cast shall be declared elected. If no person receives a clear majority, that person with the least number of votes shall be dropped and a further ballot conducted. If a tie vote shall continue to occur, the meeting shall be adjourned for a period of not more than one week to a time when all members of the Board are able to be present. This process will continue until a chairperson is elected.
4. Following the election of Chairperson of the Board, the order of business shall be:
 - a. Election of Vice Chairperson of the Board;
 - b. Passage of Banking Resolutions.
 - c. Discussion of Committee and Representative Appointments.
5. The election of the Vice Chairperson of the Board shall follow the same procedure as that for the Chairperson of the Board.

Reference: **Section 67 of the *School Act***

III. APPOINTMENT OF TRUSTEE REPRESENTATIVES

The Chairperson of the Board of Education shall annually appoint Trustee Representatives to External and District Internal Committees.

Trustee representation and participation on committees shall be approved by the Board of Education.

IV. TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

1. Trustee Remuneration will be established as follows:
 - In the first year of the term the remuneration will be the previous year's Provincial Average Trustee Remuneration as established by BCSTA
 - In all subsequent years of a term, the remuneration will be increased by the Consumer Price Index of the previous calendar year
2. The Chairperson shall receive an additional 20% of the base Trustee Remuneration. The Vice-Chairperson will receive an additional 10% of the base Trustee Remuneration.



SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

BOARD BYLAW 2

BOARD STRUCTURE

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3. Each Board, during budget deliberations in the fourth year of its term, shall review the Trustees' Remuneration and make any adjustments the Board deems appropriate. Such changes will be effective as of the election of the new Board.

V. CHAIRPERSON AND PRESIDING OFFICERS

1. The Chairperson shall preside at all meetings of the Board, shall perform all duties imposed by the statutes and shall perform such other duties as may be prescribed by law or by action of the Ministry of Education.
2. The Vice Chairperson shall have the powers and duties of the Chairperson, in the Chairperson's absence or during the Chairperson's disability, and such other powers and duties as the Board may from time to time determine.
3. In the event that neither the Chairperson nor the Vice Chairperson is able or willing to take the Chair the presiding officer shall be such person as the Board may elect for that meeting.
4. The presiding officer shall rule on all points of order and shall state reasons and the authority for ruling when making a ruling.

A Board member shall have the right to appeal the presiding officer's ruling.

An appeal may only be requested immediately after a ruling and before resumption of business.

VI. TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No.69 (Qualicum) Board Structure Bylaw No. 2."

Read a first time this 26th day of November, 2019.

Read a second time this 28th day of January, 2020.

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this 25th day of February, 2020.

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY TREASURER



PURPOSE

The purpose of these Administrative Procedures is to support of Board Policy 603: Employee Attendance Support and to:

- a. set out the process for managing short and long term medical absences, as well as the District's attendance support program and its accommodation program;
- b. clarify roles and responsibilities.

SCOPE

This procedure applies to all regular and casual employees of School District, including those who work off site or virtually.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Employees

1. Implicit to the employment relationship is the obligation for all employees to perform their work on a regular and dependable basis. Employees are expected to be punctual, present at their designated worksite, and actively engaged in work activities associated with their jobs during designated work hours.
2. Employees are responsible for:
 - a. attending work regularly and consistently according to their work schedule;
 - b. seeking support when needed to ensure they are healthy and able to attend work;
 - c. actively communicating needs for support and providing relevant information to the School District to facilitate an accommodation process;
 - d. attending personal issues and non-urgent medical treatments/appointments at dates and times that do not conflict with their work schedule wherever possible;
 - e. reporting all absences, even if a replacement is not required, **by advising their direct supervisor and** logging their absence in Power School (or calling the Dispatch Clerk if a spare employee);
 - f. to the extent possible, maintaining contact with the District for the duration of their absence, keeping their supervisor and Human Resource informed of their recovery progress, the date of their anticipated return to work, and any issues that may impede on their ability to return to work;
 - g. logging their absence each day they are away, unless they have provided a medical certificate confirming their specific period of absence as required.
 - h. providing a medical certificate for any absences of 11 days or more.

Supervisors

Supervisors play an important role in supporting employee attendance at work. Through regular contact with their employees, supervisors are in the best position to respond to attendance problems as they arise. They also have a significant impact on establishing a working climate that favours regular attendance.

Supervisors are responsible for:

- a. supporting employees in accordance with the attendance procedures;



- b. consistently and regularly communicating the School District's expectations for employee attendance and the impact that absenteeism can cause;
- c. in conjunction with Human Resources, monitoring and reviewing employee attendance levels and ensuring the accuracy of attendance reports;
- d. using pro-active and sensitive conversations to support employees who are identified as having higher than average absences or patterns of absences, with union representation;
- e. ensuring that attendance issues are addressed confidentially with consistency, fairness and respect.

Human Resources

The Director of Human Resources or designate will be responsible for:

- a. attendance support;
- b. ensuring that employees are aware of the attendance procedures;
- c. maintaining contact with employees during periods of absence;
- d. requesting and handling medical information from employees in accordance with the BC Human Rights Code and the Freedom of Information and Privacy Protection Act;
- e. supporting supervisors with their responsibilities and ensuring that the attendance support program is applied in consistent, fair and respectful ways that respond to the unique needs and circumstances of individual employees;
- f. monitoring the effectiveness of the Attendance Procedures, including the Attendance Support Program, with reports to the Senior Leadership Team.

In addition to the above, any employee absent for 6 days or more without a medical certificate may be contacted by Human Resources.

Trade Union

Unions are an important resource and support for employees. It is understood that unions provide support to employees who are identified by the Attendance Support Program by:

- a. ensuring employees are treated fairly, consistently, and with respect at all stages of the program;
- b. providing advice and support to members; and,
- c. collaborating with the Human Resources and the employee's Supervisor to seek support for employees when needed and/or on efforts to improve employees' health, wellness and attendance.

References:

- Board Policy 603: Employee Attendance Support
- [Ministry of Education and Child Care Mental Health in Schools Strategy](#)
- Canada Human Rights Act, RSC 1985, C. H-6

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

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2008.02.26: 2017.10.24: 2022.02.22: **2022.11.22**



Absence	An employee will be deemed absent if they have been scheduled to work and are not present at work. Approved leaves and vacation are not included in this definition for the purpose of this policy and administrative procedure.
Culpable Absence	Failure to be present at work as a result of factors within the employee’s control, e.g. failure to notify, absence without leave, abuse of leave (i.e. invalid use of sick leave) and chronic tardiness or leaving early without notification or excuse.
Non-Culpable Absence	Failure to be present at work due to factors over which the employee has little or no control, including but not limited to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • physical or mental illness, injury or mental conditions including those constituting disability for which accommodation is required under the BC Human Rights Code; • family responsibilities including those for which accommodation is required under the BC Human Rights Code; • Unpaid leaves to which employees are entitled to under BC Employment Standards Act, including maternity leave, sick leave, parental leave, bereavement leave, compassionate and family care leave, and any other leaves to which employees are entitled under the terms of their collective agreement or individual employment contract.
Accommodation	Taking steps to adjust rules, policies, practices or situations that have a negative impact on an individual or groups, protected under the Canada Human Rights Act.
Inclusive Workplace	Is a workplace where all employees have the opportunity to contribute and participate in the workplace in a barrier free environment.
Undue Hardship	Occurs when accommodation adjustments to the workplace would be prohibitively expensive, or create undue risks to health and safety. Each situation will be viewed as unique and assessed individually. A claim of undue hardship must be supported with facts and an analysis of options.
Modified Duties	Changes to assigned work tasks, methods, equipment, work station, or schedule.
Alternate Duties	A different job in the same work area or another work site.
Restrictions	Tasks that an employee is not capable of performing due to predictable risk of medical harm.
Limitations	Describes the level of ability and the activity that a person is able to tolerate.



PURPOSE:

To set out the structure of meetings and rules for the conduct of meetings that will allow each Trustee to be heard and make informed decisions

I. RULES OF ORDER

1. Where these rules are silent and where not inconsistent with these Rules, *Robert's Rules of Order* shall apply to the conduct of meetings.
2. The Board may adopt a procedural Rule for one or more meetings by resolution of a simple majority of the Trustees present at the meeting. A Rule other than the requirement for notice of meetings may be suspended by unanimous consent of the Trustees present.
3. The Rules may be amended by Bylaw only, at a meeting of which notice of intention to propose the amendment has been given at the previous meeting.
4. The presiding officer's ruling on a point of order shall be based upon Rules of Order as stated in paragraph (1) above.
5. An appeal of a ruling of the presiding officer shall be decided without debate by a majority vote of Trustees present. When an appeal is successful it does not necessarily set a precedent.
6. All questions shall be decided by a vote on the motion.
7. These Rules shall be applicable to all regular, special and in-camera meetings of the Board.

II. MOTIONS

1. Motions shall be phrased in a clear concise manner so as to express an opinion or achieve a result. All motions shall be stated in the positive. The preamble does not form part of a resolution when passed.
2. The presiding officer may divide a motion containing more than one subject if the presiding officer feels this would produce a fairer or clearer result and the same shall be voted on in the form in which it is divided.
3. No motion, other than to postpone consideration of a question, or a procedural motion, shall be repeated during the calendar year except by the reconsideration process. (See Item 7 below.)
4. All motions must be seconded in order that they may be recognized by the Board Chair and allow debate to proceed.



5. All motions shall be subject to amendment except the following:
 - a. Motion that the question be now put.
 - b. Motion for adjournment of debate or adjournment of a meeting.
 - c. Motion to table unless such a motion contains a date for further consideration of the matter tabled.
 - d. Motion to refer to Committee.
 - e. Motion to proceed to next business.
6. **Amendment**

An amendment to a motion does not require notice. Only one amendment to an amendment shall be allowed and this shall be dealt with before the amendment is decided. Amendments must be strictly relevant to the main motion and not alter in a material way or be contrary to the principle embodied in the main motion.
7. **Reconsideration**

A question may be reconsidered only if notice of a request for reconsideration has been given at the previous meeting and if reconsideration is approved by a two-thirds majority of the votes cast.

III. REGULAR BOARD MEETINGS

1. There shall be one regular meeting of the Board of Education held on the fourth Tuesday in each calendar month at 6:00 p.m. during the regular school year. **Meetings may be done via video-conference as determined by the Board.**
2. Due to the Winter and Spring Break periods, the Regular Board Meetings in December and March will be held on a the second Tuesday of those two months.
3. During the summer months of July and August one regular meeting of the Board of Education shall be held on the last Tuesday in August at 6:00 p.m. No regular meeting will be held in July.
4. A quorum for all regular meetings shall be a majority of trustees holding office at the time.
5. At the appointed time for commencement of a meeting the presiding officer shall ascertain that a quorum is present before proceeding to the business of the meeting. If a quorum has not been made within one-half hour after the appointed time, the meeting shall stand adjourned until the next regular meeting date or until another meeting shall have been called in accordance with these Bylaws.
6. All regular meetings of the Board shall be open to the public.
7. Improper conduct at meetings shall be dealt with as set out in *the School Act*. Any person deemed by the presiding officer to be guilty of improper conduct shall be expelled. **The Board Chair may call a recess at their discretion.**



8. The Secretary Treasurer or another employee designated by the Board must be present at the time that a decision of the Board is rendered and must record any decision.
9. The order of business at all regular meetings unless varied by resolution shall be as follows:
 - 1) Call to Order and Introductions
 - 2) Acknowledgement of Traditional Territory
 - 3) Adoption of the agenda
 - 4) Approval of the Consent Agenda
 - 5) Delegations/Presentations (10 minutes each)
 - 6) Business arising from the minutes.
 - 7) Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association
 - 8) Canadian Union of Public Employees, Local 3570
 - 9) District Parents Advisory Council
 - 10) Public Questions and Comments (*related to agenda items*)
 - 11) Action Items
 - 12) Information Items
 - 13) Education Committee of the Whole Report
 - 14) Finance and Operations Committee of the Whole Report
 - 15) Policy Committee of the Whole Report
 - 16) Reports from Representatives to Outside Organizations
 - 17) Trustee items
 - 18) New or Unfinished Business
 - 19) Board Correspondence and Media
 - 20) ~~Public Question Period (*on any topic*)~~
 - 21) Adjournment
10. A change to the prescribed order of business may be proposed by any trustee and shall require the consent of a simple majority without debate.
11. The agenda shall be prepared by the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent of Schools under the direction of the Chair and shall be available at the Board office by noon of the day preceding the Regular Board Meeting.
12. An addition to the agenda of any item not listed requires the consent of a simple majority without debate.
13. Minutes of all regular meetings shall be kept by the Secretary Treasurer in accordance with the *School Act*.
14. Minutes of all regular meetings shall be communicated electronically upon ratification by the Board.



IV. IN-CAMERA BOARD MEETINGS

1. The Board of Education may meet in-camera for the following purposes:
 - a. To discuss matters of collective negotiations between the Board and School District Staff.
 - b. To discuss acquisition, lease, sale or exchange of real property prior to completion.
 - c. To consider information regarding appointment, employment, dismissal and personnel matters.
 - d. Legal opinions and or claims respecting the liability or interest of the Board.
 - e. Matters pertaining to individual students including conduct, discipline, suspension or expulsion.
 - f. Medical examiners or examinations and medical reports.
 - g. Matters pertaining to the safety, security or protection of Board property.
 - h. Such other matters as the Board may decide.
2. Attendees at the Board in-camera meetings will include all trustees, the superintendent of schools, the secretary treasurer, the associate superintendent, and, by invitation, other senior management staff in relation to specific agenda items, including operations, human resources, labour relations and legal matters.
3. Minutes of an in-camera meeting shall be kept in the same manner as a regular meeting, shall be approved by the Board in an in-camera meeting and ratified by the Board in regular meeting. The minutes of an in-camera meeting shall not be filed with the minutes of regular meetings. A Section 72 Report, as per *the School Act*, shall be made available to the public following approval by the Board.
4. An agenda, similar in format to that of a regular meeting, shall be prepared by the Secretary Treasurer and the Superintendent of Schools under the direction of the Chair. The proposed agenda shall be available at the Board Office by noon of the day preceding the meeting.
5. The order of business at all in-camera sessions, unless varied by motion, shall be as follows:
 1. Call to order
 2. Adoption of the Agenda
 3. Approval of the Minutes
 4. Business Arising from the Minutes
 5. Personnel Items
 6. Action Items
 7. Information Items
 8. New or Unfinished Business
 9. Trustee Items
 10. Adjournment



6. All newly elected School Trustees shall be invited to attend any in-camera Board meetings between the time of their election and the Inaugural Board Meeting.

V. SPECIAL MEETINGS

1. A special meeting of the Board of Education may be called by the Chair of the Board or, upon written request of a majority of the Trustees, may be called by the Secretary Treasurer. No business other than that for which the meeting was called shall be conducted at the meeting. For public meetings, time for public comments and/or questions will be included. Public Comments/Questions must be directly related to the topics on the special meeting agenda
2. All reasonable steps shall be taken to notify each Trustee 24 hours in advance of a special meeting.
3. In the event of crisis or catastrophe within the School District, all reasonable steps shall be taken to notify each Trustee immediately of a special meeting.
4. The Agenda shall be set by the Board of Education. The agenda shall be prepared by the Secretary Treasurer and/or the Superintendent of Schools under the direction of the Chair.

VI. DELEGATIONS

1. Delegations wishing to appear before the Board of Education shall provide a request in writing to the Secretary Treasurer by 9:00 a.m., the Monday one week prior to a Board meeting. The exception will be for statutory holidays that fall on the third Monday of the month that will require the request from the Delegation to be received by 9:00 a.m. on the Friday before the statutory holiday Monday. The request shall include the brief to be presented.
2. The Secretary Treasurer will advise the Board Chair of the request. The Board Chair, at the Chair's discretion, will rule whether the Delegation will be heard by the Board. The period of time normally allocated to the delegation shall be ten minutes. The Secretary Treasurer will advise the delegation of the Board Chair's decision.
3. At the earliest opportunity following the Board's decision the Secretary Treasurer will contact the spokesperson of the delegation to advise the delegation of the Board's decision and subsequently, confirm the Board's decision in writing to the delegation.

VII. CONSENT AGENDA

1. The full agenda, including the consent items should be disseminated prior to the Board Meeting along with copies of reports and back up materials so that Board members can do their due diligence prior to voting.



2. As the first item of business the Board Chair should ask if anyone wishes to remove an item from the consent portion of the agenda.
3. The Board Chair then asks for a motion to accept the consent agenda.
4. Once the motion has been received, the Board Chair opens the floor for any questions or discussion on the items remaining on the consent agenda. The understanding, though, is that the board members have come prepared and, other than a quick point or question, they are comfortable voting for the items or they would have asked to have them removed.
5. If any items were removed from the consent agenda the Board Chair will determine where on the agenda those items will be discussed. Quickly reviewing the remaining items, the Board Chair will ask for any objections to the adoption of those remaining items. If none are offered all items on the consent agenda are considered to be passed.

What Belongs on the Consent Agenda?

Typical consent agenda items are routine procedural matters and decisions that are likely to be noncontroversial, including:

- Approval of minutes
- Reports for information only e.g. Enrolment Report
- Routine matters such as appointments to committees
- Field trip approvals
- Matters which do not appear to warrant a discussion
- Information from the Ministry of Education or provincial organizations

VIII. PUBLIC QUESTION PERIOD

1. The Board of Education encourages the participation of members of the public at each Regular Board Meeting.
2. Persons wishing to question the Board during the public question period should stand and identify themselves.
 - a. Questions at a Regular Board Meeting may deal with any topic related to the Board's conduct of the schools.
 - b. Questions at Special Board Meetings must be related to the call of the meeting.
3. Questions asked by the public will, when possible, be answered immediately by the Board Chair or referred to staff members present for reply. Questions requiring investigation shall be referred to the Board Chair or administrative staff for consideration and later response.
4. A question period for the Press will be provided after the meeting adjourns.



IX. BOARD STANDING COMMITTEES

1. The Board will operate within three Board Standing Committees, all of which will be Committees of the Whole:
 - i. Education Committee of the Whole
 - ii. Finance and Operations Committee of the Whole
 - iii. Policy Committee of the Whole
2. The Board Chair will, on an annual basis, appoint the Chairperson of each of the Board's Standing Committees.

3. Any matters considered by a committee of the Board which have financial implications are to be referred to Finance and Operating Committee of the Whole for comment before the originating committee brings the matter to the Board.

4. Education Committee of the Whole:

Mandate: ~~To discuss and make recommendations to the board on the general directions for education in the district, and to serve as a vehicle for regular reports to the board on educational programs and services.~~ **To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on aspects of teaching, learning and educational equity. We will strive to have all students receive whatever they need to develop to their full academic and social potential and to thrive every day.**

Membership: The committee will consist of all five trustees, the associate superintendent, the director of instruction, the superintendent, and as topics require, the secretary treasure. The associate superintendent will serve as the lead for senior staff. By invitation, one representative from each of school-based administration, the Mount Arrowsmith Teachers Association (MATA), CUPE 3570 and the district parent advisory council (DPAC) would serve on the committee in an advisory capacity.

Operation: The trustee chair of the committee will host the meeting in a structured but informal manner. Presentations will be scheduled and introduced by the associate superintendent, and will be of a duration that makes sense for that topic at that time, as determined by the chair and associate superintendent. On matters of deliberation for the committee to refer to the board, the chair would invite administration and partner representatives to comment, and would seek the advice of senior staff present. The chair would then lead trustee deliberation on whether or not, and if so how, the matter would be referred to the board by way of a motion for a subsequent board meeting. The decision as to what would be referred to the board would be by consensus among trustees, with the chair being the final arbiter of the decision.

5. Finance and Operations Committee of the Whole:

Mandate: ~~To discuss and make recommendations to the board on financial matters and matters pertaining to facilities, maintenance, technology and transportation.~~ **To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on financial, facilities, maintenance, technology and transportation matters with a view to environmental sustainability**



Membership: The committee will consist of all five trustees, the secretary treasurer, the superintendent, the general manager of operations, and as topics require, the associate superintendent. The secretary treasurer will serve as the lead for senior staff. By invitation, one representative from each of school-based administration, the Mount Arrowsmith Teachers Association (MATA), CUPE 3570 and the district parent advisory council (DPAC) would serve on the committee in an advisory capacity.

Operation: The trustee chair of the committee will host the meeting in a structured but informal manner. Materials will be provided ahead of time by the secretary treasurer, with support from the general manager of operations for matters related to facilities, maintenance, technology and transportation. On matters of deliberation for the committee to refer to the board, the chair would invite administration and partner representatives to comment, and would seek the advice of senior staff present. The chair will then lead trustee deliberation on whether or not, and if so how, the matter would be referred to the board by way of a motion for a subsequent board meeting. The decision as to what would be referred to the board would be by consensus between the trustees, with the chair being the final arbiter of the decision. From time to time the finance and operations would have to operate in camera.

This committee will also serve as the Audit Committee of the Board. In that capacity the committee will:

- a. Review the audited financial statements and once satisfied recommend approval by the board of the submission to the Minister of Education and publication of the audited statements;
- b. Review the Statement of Financial Information, specifically the compensation and expenses for employees;
- c. Oversee the internal control structure with a focus on safeguarding district assets;
- d. Review audit results with the external auditors and follow up on the implementation of the auditor's letter of recommendations;
- e. Review the nature and extent of other services provided by the auditor in relation to auditor independence;
- f. Monitor the development of and changes to accounting principles and practices and financial reporting standards, and their impact on the school district's financial reporting;
- g. Oversee engagement of external auditors including the terms of the audit engagement and appropriateness of proposed fees;
- h. Meet as necessary with the external auditors at an in camera meeting, without staff members present;
- i. Meet annually with the external auditor to review the financial statements;
- j. Have a separate agenda and terms of reference which reflect best practice for audit committees.

6. Policy Committee of the Whole:

Mandate: To discuss and make recommendations to the Board on all matters related to ~~policy and bylaws~~ **Bylaws, Policy, Administrative Procedures.**



Membership: The committee will consist of all five trustees, the superintendent, the secretary treasurer and the associate superintendent. The superintendent will serve as the lead for senior staff. By invitation, one representative from each of school-based administration, the Mount Arrowsmith Teachers Association (MATA), CUPE 3570 and the district parent advisory council (DPAC) would serve on the committee in an advisory capacity. The committee would be supported by the Executive Assistant, Board Governance and Operations.

Operation: The trustee chair of the committee will host the meeting in a structured but informal manner. Materials will be provided ahead of time by the superintendent. On matters of deliberation for the committee to refer to the board, the chair would invite administration and partner representatives to comment, and would seek the advice of senior staff present. The chair would then lead trustee deliberation on whether or not, and if so how, the matter would be referred to the board by way of a motion for a subsequent board meeting. The decision as to what would be referred to the board would be by consensus between the trustees, with the chair being the final arbiter of the decision. How matters get to the committee and are then processed by the board will be in accordance with Board Policy 7: *Bylaw and Policy Development and Review*.

7. Committee Meeting Times:
The time and dates for meetings for the ensuing year will be determined by the Board Chair in consultation with the Board and Executive Leadership Team.

X. CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER

The Superintendent of Schools shall be the chief executive officer of the board and is responsible and accountable to the board for the effective and efficient operation of the school district.

The Superintendent of Schools will be responsible for ensuring the following:

- a. Leadership and direction is provided at all levels of the school system.
- b. The board is assisted in its short and long-term planning, and in working to achieve the board-approved goals.
- c. The district has an efficient and effective organizational structure and management system.
- d. Processes are in place for the supervision and evaluation of the district's schools, programs and services.
- e. Decisions and policies of the board are implemented.
- f. Resources are allocated based on board-approved budget levels.
- g. Communications within the district and through public and community relations are effective.
- h. A synergy is built within the district that challenges all employees to contribute to the success of the school system.

XI. EXECUTIVE COMMITTEES AND COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD

- a. The Executive Committee, composed of the Superintendent of Schools, the Secretary-Treasurer, and the Associate Superintendent, shall be chaired by the Superintendent of Schools.



- b. The executive committee shall administer the district and provide leadership in accordance with the Board's directives and policies.
- c. The Superintendent of Schools shall be the chief spokesperson for the executive committee and is responsible and accountable for the coordination and functioning of the executive committee.
- d. The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that information, reports, and proposed resolutions shall be brought to the board table by the appropriate member of the executive committee, either directly, or in support of one of the standing committees as it reports to the board.
- e. Members of the executive committee may consult with individual trustees, or groups of trustees, or committees of the board, as necessary, to carry out their individual responsibilities. Individual trustees, or groups of trustees, or committees of the board may consult, as necessary, with one or more members of the executive committee.
- f. The Superintendent of Schools shall ensure that executive decisions and recommendations are reached, wherever possible, through discussion and collaboration. However, in cases where a consensus cannot be reached, the Superintendent of Schools shall, unless the issue is properly a matter to be decided by the board, resolve the issue at hand. In this event the Superintendent will report each such resolution to the Board at the next opportunity.

XII. TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No.69 (Qualicum) Meetings of the Board Bylaw No.3".

Read a first time the ~~24th day of September, 2019.~~

Read a second time the ~~22nd day of October, 2019.~~

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this ~~26th day of November, 2019.~~

SECRETARY TREASURER

BOARD CHAIR



PURPOSE:

To designate appropriate officers with signing authority.

I. SIGNING AUTHORITY

Dual Signing Authority for cheques issued by School District No.69 (Qualicum) shall be as follows: **any two of the following:**

- **Chairperson of the Board**
- **Vice Chairperson of the Board**
- **Secretary Treasurer**
- **Assistant Secretary Treasurer**

1. ~~The Secretary Treasurer and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer.~~
2. ~~Chairperson of the Board and the Secretary Treasurer.~~
3. ~~Chairperson of the Board and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer.~~
4. ~~Vice Chairperson of the Board and the Secretary Treasurer.~~
5. ~~Vice Chairperson of the Board and the Assistant Secretary Treasurer.~~
6. ~~Chairperson of the Board and the Vice Chairperson of the Board.~~

II. TITLE

This bylaw may be cited as "School District No.69 (Qualicum) Banking Bylaw No.4."

Read a first time this ~~22nd day of April, 2014.~~

Read a second time this ~~27th day of May, 2014.~~

Read a third and final time, passed and adopted this ~~27th day of May, 2014.~~

CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY TREASURER



Context:

The Board of Education believes that the collaborative approaches applied in other areas of School District 69 work should also be used in planning for new/repurposed facilities and additions to existing facilities.

Policy Statement:

The Board of Education expects that facilities will be used primarily to support the education of students.

Guiding Principles:

1. The Board believes that all facilities should be safe for all students, teachers and community members.
2. Facilities should be built, operated or upgraded to be efficient, cost effective and environmentally sound.
- ~~3. All facilities will be named after places of local Indigenous, historical, or geographical prominence.~~
4. No facilities, nor portions of facilities, will be named after people.
5. Facilities will allow for students, schools and communities to use them as availability permits.

References:

- [Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 103: New/Repurposed Facilities](#)
- [The School Act, Sections 74.01](#)
- [The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#)

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

Adopted: 2016.08.31
Amended: 2020.10.17



Purpose

This Administrative Procedure describes those procedures that will be used when the Board of Education undertakes the design and construction of new or repurposed facilities as per Policy 103: New/Repurposed Facilities. This does not apply to ongoing maintenance or renovations, rather major projects including both new builds and major renovations that come with repurposing a school or district facility.

1. PLANNING

Prior to the initiation of planning, a consultation process shall be undertaken that will involve the Architect (if assigned), school administration or district staff responsible for the facility, the staff assigned to the school or building, students (where appropriate), parents, representatives of the community (as appropriate), the Secretary Treasurer, the Superintendent of Schools, Associate Superintendent of Schools (or designates), Trustees and representatives of the Canadian Union of Public Employees (CUPE) Local 3570, the Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA) and the District Parents Advisory Council (DPAC).

2. NAMING

- a. The Superintendent of Schools shall convene a representative committee to collaborate on the naming of each new facility, or in the case of a repurposed facility the possible renaming of the facility.
- b. The Committee shall present a short list of names, in order of preference, to the Board of Education.
- c. ~~All facilities will be named after places of local Indigenous, historical or geographical prominence.~~
- d. The final decision shall remain the responsibility of the Board.
- e. A formal request shall be made to the Minister of Education and Child Care to officially name and open the new or repurposed facility, in accordance with Section 73(1) of the *School Act*.

References:

- [Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 103: New/Repurposed Facilities](#)
- [The School Act, Sections 74.01](#)
- [The Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act](#)

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

Adopted: 2016.08.31
Amended: 2020.10.27; **2022.10.25**



Context:

The Board of Education recognizes that, while its job includes ensuring that facilities are used for their intended purposes and maintained to the highest standard. When not in use, these facilities may be available for use by the larger community also ~~are an integral part of the larger community.~~ As such, the Board should ensure that procedures are in place that see to effective rental or community use, security of property, effective use of sports field and playgrounds, and appropriate use of the Lasqueti teacherage

Policy Statement:

The Board ~~supports the community by allowing use of available facilities when not in use for educational purposes~~ will ensure that its facilities are maintained to the highest reasonable standards.

Guiding Principles:

- ~~1. When not in educational use, facilities will be available for rental or lease to community partners, or groups.~~
2. Facilities will be used first and foremost in support of the education of students.
3. Security of all school district facilities and grounds should be paramount in district planning and operations.
4. Teacherages will be first offered to School Staff, and then to other members or departments of the School District.
5. Should a building become available, the Board will encourage and seek out long-term leases.
6. All rentals and leases will be charged a fee that will cover the costs of hosting the community activity and may reflect fair market value.
7. Outdoor facilities, including sports fields and playgrounds should be well designed in collaboration with school administration, and should be made available to the community through joint use agreements where possible.
8. When not being used by the School District, ~~outdoor~~ facilities may be available for public use.

References:

- [Administrative Procedures to Board Policy 105: Use of School Facilities](#)

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

Adopted: 2020.10.27

Amended:



This Administrative Procedure is intended to provide procedural support for Board Policy 105 in four specific areas:

- I. Rentals and Community Use
- II. Security of Property and Assets
- III. Sports/Grounds Areas and Site Playgrounds
- IV. Lasqueti Teacherage (Housing)

I. RENTALS AND COMMUNITY USE

The Board of Education believes that school facilities, when not required for school use, may be made available for use by the community and that school facilities should be used as extensively as possible. Rental rates and procedures will be in place to ensure that facilities and grounds are provided to community users at a rate that provides net revenue to the school district as possible and appropriate, knowing that in certain cases rental rates will be cost recover only.

PROCEDURES

1. With the exception of school use, all users must have specific authorization for use of school facilities and equipment.
2. The Board of Education has established the following user priority for the use of school facilities and equipment:
 - a. **School Programs:**
School programs including extra-curricular activities and school-based organizations. These are programs which support the learning objectives of particular schools and include activities sponsored by PACs, school teams and school clubs.
 - b. **Youth Programs:**
Groups operating solely for youth under 18 and where they use instructors and/or volunteers to organize and teach activities. E.g. Regional District of Nanaimo Recreation Programs Scouts, Girl Guides, district youth sports associations, etc.
 - c. **Non-Profit Organizations/Adult Recreation Groups:**
Groups which have paid instructors or organizers for activities and all adult groups.



d. Commercial:

Profit oriented and non-resident individuals and organizations.

Organizations which charge their members/participants and involve paid organizers and/or instructors who are funded either directly or on a fees for services basis. (Political or religious organizations are included in this group).

3. Applications:

- a. All applications are processed by the School District's Director of Operations or designate.
- b. Applications must be made at least 21 days prior to the event taking place.
- c. An application fee of \$25.00 per application will be charged to recover the administrative costs.
- d. The applicant must receive a booking confirmation from the Director of Operations or designate prior to using a district facility (***Approval from a school principal is not valid.***)

4. Bookings:

- a. Groups who have had a regular booking satisfactory to the Board in the previous school year will have until June 30 to renew their booking. After this date, bookings will be made as they are received.
- b. Preference for early evening times will be given to youth programs.
- c. School principals will advise the Operations & Maintenance Department of space availability by July 1 and January 1 of each year.

5. Rental Fees:

- a. Rental fees shall be paid in full at the end of August, the end of December, and the end of June.
- b. Fees will be charged as listed in Schedule "A".
- c. The Board may demand, in full or in part, payment of the rental fee at the time application is made. Should payment be refused on demand, the rental agreement will not be approved.
- d. Bookings may be cancelled without cost if notice of cancellation is received by the Secretary-Treasurer or the Secretary Treasurer's designate 24 hours prior to the booking date. The Renter will pay the full rental fee if notice is not received as stipulated above.
- e. Rental of school buildings does not include use of school or classroom equipment. Use of such equipment and associated costs must be determined in discussion with the school's principal.
- f. School activities, tournaments or other programs (carnivals, auctions, etc.) that require custodial services on Saturdays, Sundays, holidays, or after normal hours shall be invoiced for custodial costs.



6. User Responsibilities:

- a. Renters must comply with all Board administrative procedures (including those which prohibit use of tobacco, vaping products, cannabis or alcohol on school district property).
- b. Renters may be requested to provide the booking confirmation to the custodian at the site.
- c. Access is limited to the area and times identified by the rental application.
- d. Renters may bring into the school their own equipment or props. Such equipment and props must be removed prior to the following school day unless otherwise authorized by the principal. Failure to do so will result in the equipment or props being removed at the Renter's expense.
- e. The Renter is responsible for any damage and repairs to the premises and the equipment, furniture, fixtures and chattels.
- f. The Renter is responsible for any costs involved in securing facilities left open by the Renter.
- g. Renters must leave the facilities and equipment in the condition and location that they were found.

7. Supervision:

- a. The custodian in charge is the Board's representative in monitoring the conduct of the users, to ensure that the regulations are followed, and that no damage is caused to school property.
- b. A custodian must be on duty at all times when school buildings are in use after school hours, except when otherwise approved by the Operations & Maintenance Manager or designate.
- c. All groups using school facilities shall:
 - i. identify to the custodian the individual appointed by the organization who is responsible for the group
 - ii. provide adequate security for the area being rented and proper supervision of participants
 - iii. comply with Board administrative procedures and direction from the custodian

8. Cancellation:

- a. School use of facilities shall have priority over community use. Schools must provide to the Operations and Maintenance Department two weeks advance notice of any scheduling changes in order to give community users suitable notice for cancellation.
- b. The Board reserves the right to terminate any approved rental agreement.
- c. Users who have not paid in full within 30 days of invoicing shall be excluded from further use until the fee is paid in full.
- d. Failure to comply with the administrative procedures of the Board may result in cancellation of the rental agreement.



9. Insurance and Liability:

- a. The renter will indemnify the Board from all manner of actions, causes of action, suits, debts, loss, costs, claims and demands whatsoever arising either directly or indirectly as a result of the contract.
- b. Proof of liability coverage must be provided upon application.
- c. The renter will provide the District with a Certificate of Insurance with minimum limits of \$5,000,000 prior to using the facility. Such coverage will include Tenants Legal Liability and will name the District as an additional insured.
- d. The renter shall indemnify and pay to the Board forthwith upon demand for any loss, damage or power wastage occurring to the property of the Board, either directly or indirectly as a result of the use of the facilities under the terms of this agreement.

II. SECURITY OF PROPERTY AND ASSETS

The Board of Education believes that access to school district facilities should be controlled, and that a system should be maintained that does not impede access for authorized use.

1. The Operations and Maintenance Department shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the cutting and distributing of all keys within School District No.69 (Qualicum).
 - b. Be responsible for providing keys to district office staff as required.
 - c. Ensure that a record is kept of all keys cut and distributed to the schools or district staff.
 - d. Ensure that District alarm systems are properly maintained and monitored.
 - e. Advise principals in writing of all improper or unauthorized access as reported by the monitoring service.
2. Each Principal or designate shall:
 - a. Be responsible for the distribution of all door and alarm keys for their school staff, except to Operations and Maintenance staff and custodians.
 - b. Ensure staff are aware of the opening and closing procedures and aware of this policy.
 - c. Maintain an up-to-date registry of all keys within their jurisdiction.
 - d. Maintain a daily register of building entries after hours.
3. Staff members shall:
 - a. Arrange access by obtaining an entry/alarm key from the school Principal or Designate
 - b. Disarm the alarm system upon entering the building and ensure the front door remains locked or that access is controlled and the facility is secured during the period of their use.
 - c. Enter name and details of visit in register, giving time of entry and departure.



- d. Upon departure ensure that:
 - i. there are no persons in the building
 - ii. the alarm system is activated
 - iii. the building is secure
4. The Monitoring Service shall:
 - a. Monitor district alarm systems.
 - b. Report all fault (trouble) alarms to the Operations and Maintenance Department.
 - c. In the first instance report all fire alarms to the relevant fire hall and then to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
 - d. Report all intruder alarms to the district security runner service.
 - e. Report all personal panic alarms to the district security runner service.
 - f. Report all high water-high sewer alarms in the first instance to the district security runner service and then to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
 - g. Report all buildings with low temperature alarms to the Operations and Maintenance Department emergency phone number.
5. The District Security Runner Service shall:
 - a. Respond to alarm calls from the monitoring service.
 - b. Respond to calls from designated district staff for emergent work.
 - c. Send regular reports to the Operations and Maintenance Office.
6. Access to district facilities during non-operating hours is restricted to authorized school district employees.
7. Authorized access is granted by the Secretary Treasurer or designates (principal, vice-principal).
8. Staff wishing to access the school during Christmas, Spring or Summer breaks must confirm with the School Principal or the Director of Operations or designate to ensure there will be no conflict with the safety, security, planned maintenance or renovation projects.. Facility uses must be scheduled and booked as per Administrative Procedure – Rental and Use of School Facilities and Equipment.
9. A key control system is to be established by district administration in accordance with administrative procedures approved by the Board.
10. Community Use
Keys will be issued by the Operations and Maintenance Department Office for:
 - a. facilities use as required and returned after use is complete.
 - b. joint use through the District 69 Recreation Commission.
11. Lost Keys



Individuals or groups who lose a key may, as required to maintain the security of district assets, be subject to either of the following at the discretion of the Director of Operations:

- a. \$50.00 charge.
 - b. actual cost of re-keying any or all buildings.
12. Any person not complying with proper entry procedures, which results in a runner service callout, will be held responsible for absorbing the cost incurred by the District, and will be invoiced by School District 69 (Qualicum). A first warning will be provided before invoicing for cost recovery.

Damage to Buildings and Equipment

The Board of Education believes that a student who has caused willful damage to school property be subject to engaging in restorative processes including restitution for damage caused.

13. When a student has been identified as having damaged buildings and/or property, the principal will contact the parents by phone, email and/or registered letter indicating the circumstances involved and the school's procedure in assessing damages.
14. The Superintendent of Schools will be notified by telephone and by letter of the student involved and the extent of the damage.
15. The Operations and Maintenance Department shall assess the cost of repair and/or replacement.
16. The Secretary Treasurer may invoice the student/parent for the cost of the damage indicating that an appeal may be made through the Secretary Treasurer to the Board of Education.
17. This does not limit School Protection Branch from further civil action.
18. In special circumstances, a student may negotiate school/community service as a form of compensation.

III. SPORTS/GROUNDS AREAS AND SITE PLAYGROUNDS

1. The proposed design for a sports/grounds area and/or school site playground must be submitted to the Director of Operations for review as to appropriate construction methods and to the School Health and Safety Committee for review.
2. The Director of Operations, in consultation with the school Principal, will approve a location for the sports/grounds area and/or school site playground that will not



impede future development to a school nor conflict with existing underground services.

3. The Director of Operations will periodically inspect the construction of the sports/grounds area and/or school site playground to ensure that appropriate construction and safety standards are met.
4. The Director of Operations and the appropriate inspection authorities, will provide a final inspection and will provide those building the structure with a written confirmation either accepting the structure or indicating any modifications required to make the structure acceptable.
5. The Board may support the building of a sports/grounds area and/or school site playground with its own equipment and/or materials where such support does not disrupt maintenance work schedules.
6. The worksite must meet all Workers Compensation Board regulations and be subject to spot inspections.
7. The worksite will be subject to inspection by all applicable Inspection Authorities at any time.

IV. LASQUETI TEACHERAGE (HOUSING)

1. The Board of Education acknowledges its responsibility to provide teacherages for teaching staff on Lasqueti Island for use when other accommodation is not available.
2. The use of teacherages shall be administered by the Secretary Treasurer.
3. When insufficient teacherage accommodation is available the Principal will have first option on space and thereafter the most senior teacher on the Island.
4. The Board shall determine an appropriate monthly rate to be charged in respect of each unit of housing accommodation.
5. Terms and Conditions
 - a. Teacherages will be available to teaching staff on an annual basis from August 1st to July 31st.
 - b. The rent shall be paid by the teacher through payroll deduction.
 - c. Teaching staff will be refunded for any monthly unused portion of the annual rent.
6. The teacher to whom the teacherage is let shall reside in the teacherage.
7. The teacher shall not sub-let the teacherage or any part thereof.



8. The teacher shall be responsible for telephone, internet and cable services.
9. The Board shall supply power, water and septic/sewer at no charge.
10. Maintenance of Board-owned appliances shall be the Board's responsibility.
11. When vacating a teacherage, notice shall be given one month in advance, and the teacherage shall be inspected by the Operations and Maintenance Department for cleanliness and damage. The inventory of furnishings shall be checked. Any damage in excess of normal wear and tear shall be assessed and the Secretary Treasurer advised so that appropriate financial arrangements can be made with the teacher.
12. The teacher shall vacate the teacherage on termination of the teacher's teaching assignment.

References:

- [Board Policy 105: Use of School Facilities](#)

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

Adopted: 2016.08.31
Amended: 2020.10.27: **2023.04.25**

SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 69 (QUALICUM)

ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURE

RENTAL AND USE OF SCHOOL FACILITIES AND EQUIPMENT

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SCHEDULE A
HOURLY RATES FOR RENT OF FACILITY*

MONDAY TO FRIDAY

CATEGORY	CLASSROOM	ROOM OTHER THAN CLASSROOM	SMALL GYMNASIUM	LARGE GYMNASIUM	AUDITORIUM
School Programs	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth Programs	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Non Profit Organization/ Adult Recreation Groups	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Commercial	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

WEEKEND/STATUTORY HOLIDAY

CATEGORY	CUSTODIAL SERVICE	CLASSROOM	ROOM OTHER THAN CLASSROOM	SMALL GYMNASIUM	LARGE GYMNASIUM	AUDITORIUM
School Programs	4 hrs. min. (when required)	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge	No charge
Youth Programs	4 hrs. min (when required)	\$5.00	\$10.00	\$15.00	\$20.00	\$50.00
Non Profit Organization/ Adult Recreation Groups	4 hrs. min.	\$10.00	\$20.00	\$25.00	\$35.00	\$50.00
Commercial	4 hrs. min.	\$25.00	\$45.00	\$55.00	\$75.00	\$100.00

***An application fee of \$25.00 per application will be charged to recover the administrative costs.**



Context:

Schools are learning environments that are focused on producing educated citizens. As modelling is one of the most powerful tools in learning, positive treatment of personnel is central to any school district.

Policy Statement:

The Board of Education will seek to develop and maintain a positive, healthy and productive climate for all employees at all sites within the district.

Guiding Principles:

The Board believes that:

1. Members of MATA, CUPE, QDPVPA and exempt staff are valuable contributors to the achievement of our students and we encourage their input in decision making.
2. The physical, emotional, and intellectual health of all personnel must be maintained in balance with the health and welfare of our learners.
3. All personnel will be fairly and properly reimbursed for legitimate expenses related to their positions.
4. In order to support and improve performance and productivity, all personnel will be subject to a performance review process in keeping with contractual language and contracts of employment.
5. Positive recognition of personnel shall be on-going with specific acknowledgement by the Board of long-term service and retirement from the district.
6. Because employee input is valued, exit interviews should be offered to employees who are leaving the employ of the district.

Definitions:

- Long-term service is marked when an employee reaches **10/20/30** years of service in the district.
- Appropriate records checks are defined through police services. Criminal Records and Vulnerable Sector Checks are examples.

References:

- [Administrative Procedure to Board Policy 600: Personnel](#)
- [Board Policy 302: Communities and Volunteers' Involvement in our School District](#)
- [Criminal Records Review Act](#)
- Mount Arrowsmith Teachers' Association (MATA) Collective Agreement

Dates of Adoption/Amendments:

Adopted: 2021.09.28

Amended: **2022.11.22**



PURPOSE

A bylaw to provide for procedures for the conduct of general school elections, other trustee elections, outline board role, trustee role and code of ~~ethics~~ **conduct** including process for breaches.

I. ELECTION OF TRUSTEES:

Under the *School Act*, the Board of Education may, by bylaw, determine various procedures and requirements to be applied in the conduct of trustee elections.

In School District No. 69 (Qualicum), under the *School Act*, trustee elections in the following trustee electoral areas are the responsibility of the Board of Education of School District No. 69 (Qualicum):

<u>No. of Trustees to be elected.</u>	<u>Electoral Areas to be represented</u>
1	E of the Regional District of Nanaimo, District of Lantzville
1	F of the Regional District of Nanaimo
2	G of the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach and E of the Regional District of Powell River (Lasqueti Island)
1	H of the Regional District of Nanaimo

The Board of Education wishes to establish various procedures and requirements under the authority of the *School Act* for trustee elections.

The Board of Education, in an open meeting of the board, enacts as follows:

1. Definitions

The terms used shall have the meanings assigned by the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*, except as the context indicates otherwise.

"Election" means a trustee election.

"Board" or "school board" means the Board of Education of School District No.69 (Qualicum).

2. Application

This bylaw applies to both general elections and by-elections and to those trustee elections carried out by other authorities, except as otherwise indicated.

3. Resolution of Tie Votes after Judicial Recount

In the event of a tie vote after a judicial recount, the tie vote will be resolved by conducting a lot in accordance with the *School Act* and the *Local Government Act*.



4. Mandatory Advance Voting Opportunities and Local Government Special Voting Opportunities

As required by the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the mandatory advance voting opportunities are established as follows:

- i. on the tenth day before general voting day; and
- ii. for a trustee election that is the subject of an agreement or agreements with the local governments of the Regional District of Nanaimo, the City of Parksville, the Town of Qualicum Beach, the District of Lantzville or the Regional District of Powell River under which either the local government conducts all or part of the trustee election on behalf of the school board, or a local government election is conducted in conjunction with the trustee election: the date specified for the additional mandatory advance voting opportunity - as well as the date, location and voting hours of any special voting opportunities - in the general election bylaw of that local government, as it is amended from time to time, shall apply in the trustee electoral area or part of the trustee electoral area that is the subject of the agreement;
- iii. for a trustee election that is not the subject of an agreement referred to in (ii): the third day before general voting day.

5. Additional Advance Voting Opportunities

As authorized under the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act* the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional advance voting opportunities for each election to be held in advance of general voting day and to designate the voting places, establish the date and the voting hours for these voting opportunities.

6. Additional General Voting Opportunities

As authorized by the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish additional voting opportunities for general voting day for each election and to designate the voting places and voting hours, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*, for such voting opportunities.

7. Special Voting Opportunities

As authorized under the *Local Government Act* and the *School Act*, the school board authorizes the chief election officer to establish special voting opportunities for each election and to designate the location, the date and the voting hours, within the limits set out in the *Local Government Act*, for such special voting opportunities.

8. Public Access to Election Documents

The Board authorizes posting of nomination documents of trustee candidates on the website of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) until 30 days after declaration of the election results.



9. Public Access to Election Documents Cont.

- i. The Board authorizes but does not require chief election officers to post nomination documents of trustee candidates for public access on any or all of websites of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, Regional District of Nanaimo and Regional District of Powell River, until such time as established by the bylaws of the relevant local government.
- ii. The Board authorizes posting of trustee candidates' campaign financing disclosure statements and declarations and supplementary statements and declarations on the website of School District No. 69 (Qualicum) until one year from general voting day.
- iii. The Board authorizes but does not require chief elections officers to post campaign financing disclosure statements for public access on any or all of websites of the City of Parksville, Town of Qualicum Beach, Regional District of Nanaimo and Regional District of Powell River, until such time as established by the bylaws of the relevant local government.

II. BOARD ROLE:

As the corporate body elected by the voters, the Board of Education is responsible for the development of goals and policies to guide the provision of educational services to students attending District schools and programs, in keeping with the requirements of government legislation and the values of the electorate.

SPECIFIC AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY

1. Accountability to Governments

The Board shall:

- 1.1 Act in accordance with all statutory requirements of federal and provincial legislation to implement educational standards and policies.
- 1.2 Perform Board functions required by governing legislation and existing Board policy.

2. Accountability to and Engagement of Community

The Board shall:

- 2.1 Make decisions that address the needs and demands of the district.
- 2.2 Establish processes and provide opportunities for community input including all stakeholders and rights holders.
- 2.3 Communicate the district strategic plan, and achievements of students and staff to the community, at least annually.
- 2.4 Develop procedures for and hear appeals as required by statute and/or board policy.
- 2.5 Provide for two-way communication between board and stakeholder groups.
- 2.6 Meet regularly with municipal governments and other educational/public service or business governing authorities to achieve educational ends.
- 2.7 Model a culture consistent with district values.



3. Planning

The Board shall:

- 3.1 Provide overall direction for the district by establishing a vision, values and strategic issues to be addressed.
- 3.2 Develop and approve the district's long term strategic plan.
- 3.3 Annually set district goals and key results, aligned with the district's strategic plan
- 3.4 Monitor progress toward the achievement of student outcomes and other desired results.
- 3.5 Annually evaluate the effectiveness of the district in achieving established goals and desired results.

4. Policy

The Board shall:

- 4.1 Identify the purpose to be achieved and the criteria for a new policy.
- 4.2 Make the final decision as to the approval of all policy statements.
- 4.3 Evaluate policy impact to determine if policy has created the desired change.
- 4.4 Determine policies and bylaws which outline how the board is to function.
- 4.5 Monitor policy changes and seek input on those changes.
- 4.6 Delegate authority to the superintendent and define commensurate responsibilities.

5. Board/Superintendent Relations

The Board shall:

- 5.1 Select the superintendent
- 5.2 Provide the superintendent with clear corporate direction.
- 5.3 Delegate in writing, administrative authority and identify responsibility subject to the provisions and restrictions in provincial legislation and regulations.
- 5.4 Evaluate the superintendent and review compensation in accordance with the superintendent's contract.
- 5.5 Respect the authority of the superintendent to carry out executive action and support the superintendent's actions which are exercised within the delegated discretionary powers of the position.

6. Political Advocacy

The Board shall:

- 6.1 Address external issues in a manner consistent with district values.
- 6.2 Make decisions regarding British Columbia School Trustee Association (BCSTA) and British Columbia Public Sector Employees' Association (BCPSEA) issues.
- 6.3 Advance district positions and priorities through relevant provincial organizations and associations.
- 6.4 Educate and inform the public



7. Board Development

The Board shall:

- 7.1 Annually evaluate the Board's effectiveness.
- 7.2 Annually develop a Board development plan aligned with District priorities.

8. Fiscal Accountability

The Board shall:

- 8.1 Approve process and timelines for budget deliberations.
- 8.2 In collaboration with the superintendent, identify assumptions and draft priorities for the creation of the annual budget.
- 8.3 Approve the annual budget which aligns with key goals and the strategic plan.
- 8.4 Annually approve the district's facilities planning document.
- 8.5 Annually appoint or reappoint the auditor and approve the terms of engagement.
- 8.6 Review annually the audit report and management letter.
- 8.7 Provide direction regarding the mandate for local employee negotiations.
- 8.8 Make decisions regarding ratification of memoranda of agreement with bargaining units.
- 8.9 Approve the acquisition and disposition of district land and buildings.
- 8.10 Approve tender selection for contracts over \$50,000 (fifty thousand dollars)
- 8.11 Approve construction projects in excess of \$500,000 (five hundred thousand dollars)

9. Selected Responsibilities

- 9.1 Establish parameters for early retirement incentive plans.
- 9.2 Approve local school calendars, as requested in accordance with legislation.
- 9.3 Approve Board/Authority Authorized Courses
- 9.4 Hear appeals on the reconsideration of resource materials which are challenged.
- 9.5 Approve the naming of educational facilities and land.
- 9.6 Recognize students, staff and community members.
- 9.7 Approve school catchment areas.
- 9.8 Approve transportation service level changes.
- 9.9 Approve District partnerships.

III. ROLE OF THE TRUSTEE:

As members of the corporate board, trustees are accountable to the public for the collective decisions of the board and for the delivery and quality of educational services. A trustee must serve the community as an elected representative, but the trustee's primary task is to act as a member of a corporate board. A trustee acting individually has only the authority and status of any other citizen in the district.



Specific Responsibilities:

1. Support the decision of the Board and monitor progress to ensure decisions are implemented.
2. Strive to develop a positive and respectful learning and working culture both within the board and the district.
3. Become familiar with, and adhere to, the Trustee Code of **Ethics Conduct**.
4. Bring to the attention of the Board any issues that may significantly affect the District, and interpret the needs of the community to the board.
5. Refer queries, issues or problems raised by a parent or community member about a teacher or classroom, to the teacher or about a principal or a school, to the principal and, where appropriate, inform the Superintendent or designate. Also refer to School District 69 Board Policy: 710: [Resolution of Student and Parent Complaints](#).
6. Act as a liaison to assigned schools according to purpose and parameters as outlined in Liaison Schools - Purpose and Parameters **which can be found in the Trustee Handbook**.
7. Keep the Board and the Superintendent informed in a timely manner of matters coming to his/her attention that might affect the district.
8. Provide the Superintendent with counsel and advice, giving the benefit of the trustee's judgment, experience and familiarity with the community.
9. Come prepared to board meetings, participate in, and contribute to, the decisions of the board in order to provide the best solutions possible for the education of children within the district.
10. If a personal disagreement arises between a member of the team and another member, a one to one meeting between the two should be arranged to deal with and resolve the disagreement.
11. If there is any doubt about contacting employees of the district, the Superintendent or the Secretary Treasurer should be contacted first.
12. Strive to develop a positive and respectful learning and working culture both within the board and the district, based on collaboration and transparency.



IV. TRUSTEE CODE OF ETHICS CONDUCT:

1. It is vital that the Board of Education commits itself and its members to conduct which is appropriate and ethical. All personal interactions should be respectful and should acknowledge the worth of each person.
2. In compliance with the B.C. Human Rights Code, trustees will endeavor to ensure that all schools in School District 69 (Qualicum) provide the best quality education possible for all of our students regardless of their ability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity or expression, creed, social standing or any physical or mental disability conditions.
3. Trustees must devote time, thought and study to the duties and responsibilities of being a trustee so as to be able to render effective and competent decisions.
4. Trustees must work together to communicate to the electorate the facts about our schools.
5. Trustees as individuals have no Board authority. All relationships must be conducted based on this fact. Media interviews must be handled by the Board Chair, Vice-chair or Superintendent unless expressly delegated to the individual trustee.
6. All in camera business is to be kept strictly confidential.
7. Trustees must respect the Superintendent's responsibility for the day-to-day administration of the district.
8. Trustees are expected to refer all complaints and criticisms to the proper process.
9. The board as a whole has to take responsibility to resolve potentially dysfunctional situations and strive to build dynamics that demonstrate:
 - 9.1 A commitment to collaborative decision-making
 - 9.2 A commitment to doing the homework and sharing responsibility
 - 9.3 A commitment to contributing to public meetings in a way that earns public confidence in the work of the Board
 - 9.3 A commitment to put the good of the school system before individual political agendas
 - 9.4 A commitment to focus at least as much on assessing the value of initiatives as in controlling costs

PROCEDURE FOR BEHAVIOUR CONTRARY TO THIS BYLAW:

1. Trustees are expected to abide by all policies and will be subject to the same procedures as all other board employees and contractors .



2. The Board may take action against a trustee to protect its dignity, integrity and proper function, **and to act fairly in providing procedural protections based on the level of severity of a breach of conduct.**
3. ~~The Board has an obligation to act fairly and to provide procedural protections based on the level of severity of the breach.~~
4. ~~Procedural protection may range from a report to the board, to a formal censure process, judicial review and appeal to the Ombudsperson,~~
5. **If proactive measures do not result in changed behaviour, disciplinary measures for breaches may be imposed in a remedial and restorative manner, reflecting the seriousness of the breach. These measures may include the offending trustee:**
 - **Writing a letter of apology;**
 - **Participating in a restorative justice process;**
 - **Participating in specific training, coaching, or counselling as directed by the board;**
 - **Being subject to a motion of censure passed by a majority of the voting trustees at a closed (i.e., in-camera) board meeting; or**
 - **Being removed from one, some, or all board committees or other appointments by a majority of voting trustees at an in-camera board meeting.**
6. **It is important to note that, except as expressly permitted by the School Act, a board's authority does not extend so far as to effectively remove a trustee from their elected office.**

REFERENCES:

BC Ombudsperson

<https://bcombudsperson.ca/guide/complaint-handling-guide/>

<https://bcombudsperson.ca/fairness-education-resources/fairness-consultation/>

Board of Education School District 69 Bylaws and Policies

[https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Pages/default.aspx#/=](https://www.sd69.bc.ca/Board/Policies-and-Bylaws/Pages/default.aspx#/)

The School Act Part 4

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/complete/statreg/96412_04#part4

The Local Government Act

https://www.bclaws.gov.bc.ca/civix/document/id/lc/statreg/r15001_00

Provincial Criteria Guidelines for Trustee Codes of Conduct

<https://www.bced.gov.bc.ca/bulletin/20230602/criteria-guidelines---may-25.pdf>

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CHAIRPERSON OF THE BOARD

SECRETARY TREASURER

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