

The Board of Education, School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky) believes that school trustees are directors at the local level of one of the biggest businesses in British Columbia, Canada. In many communities, and certainly within the public service area of School District No. 48 (Sea to Sky), schools are among the largest employers, operate the largest budget, manage the greatest capital investment, and account for the largest portion of levied taxes. The schools also have the most direct contact with the public and often affect more people than any other enterprise, public or private.

**Role of the Board**

The [\*School Act Part 6 Division 1 Section 65\*](#) states that the rights, powers, duties, and liabilities of the Board of Education (the “Board”) rest only with the legally constituted Board as a whole, not with committees of the Board or with individual trustees. Members of the Board exercise their powers and responsibilities as a matter of public trust and only when the Board is officially in session. The Board will conduct educational orientation sessions for all Trustees following the election of new Trustees.

**Guiding Principles**

1. The Board establishes long-term vision and provides clear direction through policy to indicate action and monitor results.
2. The Board is responsible for the hiring of the Superintendent/CEO who is the single official link to the Board.
3. The Superintendent is accountable for the day-to-day operations of the district and as such, the Board will communicate about district operations through the Superintendent.
4. The Board is the steward of district finances.
5. The Board represents the community, makes decisions with the good of the whole district in mind and is accountable to the community.
6. The Board will operate in an open and transparent manner for its public.
7. The Board is a corporate board and speaks with one voice.

**Communications**

Board members are responsible to understand all policies and are encouraged to support individuals with concerns through related policies such as those which support the public with how to appear before the board, protocol regarding concerns about personnel, or situations within the School District, and Student appeals procedures.

Adopted: January 1990  
Reviewed: August 31, 2016