

## **Election of Members**

**GP-2-E2**

Election of board members will be conducted in compliance with the laws of the State of Washington and under the administrative guidance of the Pierce County Auditor.

1. Board elections shall be held on the Tuesday following the first Monday in November of odd-numbered years.
2. Legal qualifications to become a board member include being a United States citizen, a qualified voter and resident of the school district. Staff of the district are precluded from serving on the board by RCW 42.23.030, which makes it unlawful for a director to receive employment compensation from the district.
3. A person may become a candidate for a place on the board by filing a declaration of candidacy with the county auditor during the July filing period as prescribed by law. In the event that there are more than two candidates for any position on the board, a primary election shall be held on the third Tuesday of September in the manner prescribed by law. The two candidates receiving the greatest number of votes will appear on the election ballot in November.
4. Newly-elected directors 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 each term, directors shall take and subscribe to an oath of office.
5. According to statutory provision, each new director shall take an oath to support the constitutions of the United States and the state of Washington and to promote the interests of education and to faithfully discharge the duties of his/her office to the best of his/her ability. A school district officer or notary public authorized to administer oaths must certify to this oath and the signature of the member. After being properly completed, the oath of office shall be filed with the county auditor.

**Legal Reference:**

- a. RCW 28A.315.450 Directors-Elections-Terms-Numbers
- b. RCW 28A.315.470 Directors-Declarations of candidacy - Designation of positions
- c. RCW 28A.315.480 Directors-Ballots-Form
- d. RCW 28A.315.490 Directors-Elected when-Qualifications
- e. RCW 28A.315.500 Oath of office
- f. RCW 29.01.140 Residence
- g. RCW 29.13.050 Commencement of terms of officers-Organization of district board of directors
- h. RCW 29.13.070 Primaries, When held
- i. RCW 29.21.010 Primary elections in other towns and districts
- j. RCW 42.12.010 Causes of vacancy

**Adopted:** August 9, 2006  
**Monitoring Method:** Board self-assessment  
**Monitoring Frequency:** Annually in July