Rotation of Board Presidency, Project Selection and other Representative Duties

Rotation of Board Presidency

In the spirit of developing leadership capacity across the Olympia School Board and sharing leadership responsibility, the Olympia School Board rotates each director through the position of vice president, followed by the presidency. The year spent as vice president is in preparation to serve as the president.

Each December, at the formal Board meeting, the Board nominates and elects the next board member in rotation as the new vice president. If necessary, the nominated member may decline the nomination and the next director in the rotation would be nominated for election.

Each December, in keeping with the two-year rotation through the offices of vice president and president, the current vice president is nominated and elected to the position of president by the Board, in a roll call vote, in an open public meeting (the formal Board meeting).

Individual Directors' Projects

Each director brings experience and knowledge to their work. Directors may select a focus of work or study that utilizes their individual strengths and interests. Each director announces their project for the upcoming year during the December board meeting. This announcement of directors' projects is on the December meeting's agenda and the details are included in the minutes. This process supports necessary board work being shared in a balanced manner across the board.

Directors' Representative Responsibilities

Other responsibilities shared among board members include: representative to the Olympia School District Education Foundation, the Washington Interscholastic Activities Association (WIAA), and the Thurston Regional Planning Council (TRPC), each being a one-year term, and to the Washington State School Directors' Association (WSSDA) for a two-year term. The assignment or confirmation of these representative duties occurs as an agenda item at the formal board meeting in December and is recorded in the minutes.

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