



POLICY: ABSENCE OF A BOARD MEMBER

Members of the Board of Directors act on behalf of the citizens of West Valley School District.

Official action of the Board of Directors can be taken only at regular and special meetings scheduled according to law. It is of major importance that each member of the Board attends these meetings on a regular basis. Such attendance is necessary to:

1. Provide the full range of member viewpoints necessary to complete analysis of matters affecting the schools;
2. Assure that a quorum is present for the purpose of conducting business of the district; and
3. Gain the necessary background to assist in making the best decisions possible and to gain a sense of the governance process in order to act responsibly on school-related issues.

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 illness or active or training military duty.

If a board member is on active duty or training status with the military, the Board shall 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.

A director who needs to be absent from any meeting, workshop, or other scheduled activity of the Board is expected to notify the president of the board or the superintendent prior to the date of the meeting or activity.

CROSS REFERENCES:	Board Policy 1105	Director Districts
	Board Policy 1400	Meetings of the Board of Directors

LEGAL REFERENCES:

RCW 28A.315.510 Directors—Meetings

RCW 28A.315.520 Directors—Quorum—Failure to
attend meetings may result in
vacation of office