

**SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 309**

**Shelton, Washington**

**RESOLUTION NO. 24-01**

WHEREAS, each school year the Shelton School District Board of Directors develops guidelines under which they shall conduct the school district business; and

WHEREAS, the Board met in a special session on January 17, 2024 to discuss and review goals and Board operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board reviewed the following guiding principles.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the following guiding principles be accepted by the Shelton School District Board of Directors:

**GUIDING PRINCIPLES**


As Directors of the Shelton School District Board, we are elected by the voters to represent their interest. Once elected, we take an oath of office to support and uphold the constitutions and laws of the United States and the state of Washington. Additionally, we have voluntarily chosen to develop and adhere to the following set of guiding principles to support, not supplant our oath of office. It is our individual beliefs that these principles will assist us in the performance of our duties to those that have elected us to this office.

1. Each member of the Board will represent the educational needs of each child in the district.
2. Each member of the Board recognizes that they have no individual authority as a Board Director and will not take unilateral action. Only when the Board is acting as a whole, and taking collective action, does it have authority.
3. A member of the Board will not withhold information until a Board meeting and then surprise Board colleagues or the Superintendent at the meeting.
4. Each member of the Board will encourage debate of issues and sharing different points of view and will do so with care and respect.
5. Each member of the Board will avoid grandstanding with the audience during Board meetings.
6. Each member of the Board will stay focused on issues before the Board, not personalities or individual agendas.

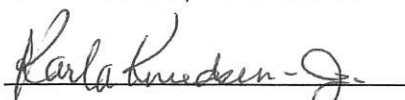
7. Each member of the Board will treat information as confidential when it is shared during exempt meetings, executive sessions, and special meetings, in accordance with state law and the Open Public meetings Act.
8. Each member of the Board will work with their Board colleagues in an open, positive, and problem-solving atmosphere to achieve the goals of the district.
9. Once the Board has made a final decision on an issue, each member of the Board will respect the authority of the Board to make this decision and will not work to undermine it.
10. Each member of the Board understands that they are accountable to the public for the decisions the Board makes and for the quality of the Board's work.
11. Each member of the Board will engage in on-going, professional development to enhance their skill set for doing the Board's work.
12. Each member of the Board will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from their position as a Board Director.
13. Each member of the Board will practice fiscal responsibility and sound financial management/monitoring, aligning resources to support the district's capacity to adequately fund programs and priorities in a sustainable manner.
14. Each member of the Board will participate in an annual Board self-evaluation and review of these Commitments/Agreements.
15. Each member of the Board will hold themselves, and their Board colleagues, accountable for upholding these Commitments/Agreements.

APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 12<sup>th</sup> day of March 2024.

SHELTON SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF DIRECTORS

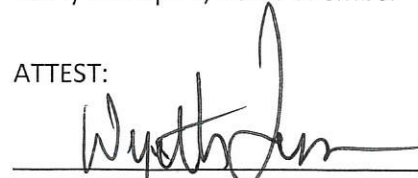
  
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Wyeth Jessee, Secretary to the Board