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Involve community”*

SCHOOL DISTRICT NO. 64

Bylaws, Policies and Procedures

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The School District No. 64 (Gulf Islands) Board of Education has established bylaws as required by the *School Act* of the Province of British Columbia. Bylaws are a major part of the foundation upon which the school district’s operations rest. They

- establish how the Board will operate in order to meet its obligations under the Act. Bylaws
- clearly set out the specific rules, not covered by legislation, by which the board will be governed.

There are currently three district bylaws, as required under the School Act, as follows:

- Bylaw No. 1 How the Board Conducts Elections
- Bylaw No. 2 The Procedures by Which the Board Meets and Operates
- Bylaw No. 3 Ensures a Right to Appeal Board Decisions Affecting Students

The Board of Education has a duty to develop, implement, review and revise education policies and procedures that reflect the aspirations of the community and are consistent with overall provincial guidelines and its own mission and bylaws. Policies are general in nature and they:

- identify, define and articulate important principles, beliefs, values and objectives by which the Board operates;
- both prescribe and limit the kinds of action that will take place in certain situations; and
- define roles, responsibilities, and the scope and the limits of authority

Procedures offer both direction and guidelines with respect to the way that policies are acted upon; for example, a policy that explains why the board believes that Codes of Conduct are important, and that states its expectation that every school will develop one, will have attached to it a procedure that offers direction and guidelines concerning how these will be developed and applied. Procedures are operational in nature, and they guide the way employees, students, parents and the public adhere to the policies of the board while on school district property and/or while under school district jurisdiction.

The board’s Policy Manual contains its bylaws, policies and procedures, and this is available on the district’s website, and through the school board office and each district school’s main office. We encourage you to refer to it if you are looking for information about the way the district is governed and administered, and about its day to day operations.