

SHELTON SCHOOL BOARD GUIDING PRINCIPLES

PREAMBLE: 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.

I will represent the educational needs of each child in the district.

I recognize that I 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.

I will not withhold information until a Board meeting and then surprise either my Board colleagues or the Superintendent at the meeting.

I will encourage debate of issues and sharing different points of view, and I will do so with care and respect.

I will avoid grandstanding with the audience during Board meetings.

I will stay focused on issues before the Board, not personalities or individual agendas.

I 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.

I will work with my Board colleagues in an open, positive, and problem-solving atmosphere to achieve the goals of the district.

Once the Board has made a final decision on an issue, I will respect the authority of the Board to make this decision and will not work to undermine it.

I understand that I am accountable to the public for the decisions the Board makes and for the quality of our work.

I will engage in on-going, professional development to enhance my skill set for doing the Board's work.

I will avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position as a Board Director.

I will practice fiscal responsibility and sound financial management/monitoring, aligning resources to support our capacity to adequately fund programs and priorities in a sustainable manner.

I will participate in an annual Board self-evaluation and review of these Commitments/Agreements.

I will hold myself, and my Board colleagues, accountable for upholding these Commitments/Agreements.

These Guiding Principles were developed by the Shelton Board of Directors and formally adopted at a regular meeting of the Board of Directors on April 12, 2022 by unanimous vote.

Board Member Kevin David

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Board Member Sandy Tarquell