

101 Board of Education – Role and Function

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Policy

The Legislature of the Province of British Columbia has approved the *School Act* assigning certain powers and duties to locally elected Boards of Education. The Board of Education of School District No. 44 (North Vancouver) is comprised of seven members elected for a four-year term by the electors of the City of North Vancouver (three Trustees) and the District of North Vancouver (four Trustees) to govern the educational affairs of the School District.

The Province of BC's *Statement of Education Policy Order (Mandate for the School System)* Mission Statement establishes the primary focus for locally-elected Boards of Education:

The purpose of the British Columbia school system is to enable learners to develop their individual potential and to acquire the knowledge, skills, and attitudes needed to contribute to a healthy society and a prosperous and sustainable economy.

In accordance with the *School Act*, the Board is a corporate body with authority and responsibility to govern the local delivery of public education. Its authority and responsibility rest solely in the corporate Board. Individual Trustees have no individual authority.

As members of the corporate Board, trustees are accountable to the public for the collective decisions of the Board, and for the delivery and quality of educational services. A trustee serves the community as an elected representative, but the trustee's primary task is to act as a member of the corporate Board.

The Board shall govern and exercise its decision-making authority within duly called and legally conducted Board meetings. All meetings will conform to the policy and procedures set out in Board *Policy 104: Board of Education – Meetings*.

The Board shall elect a Chair and a Vice-Chair with duties and responsibilities as described in the administrative procedures associated with this policy.