

School District #62 (Sooke)

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| Recruitment and Selection of Administrative Personnel | No.: E-205 |
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ADMINISTRATIVE REGULATIONS

1. Superintendent

- 1.1. The Board has the sole authority to recruit and select an individual for the position of Superintendent and anyone expected to act in the place of the Superintendent for a period in excess of thirty (30) days.
- 1.2. The Board may choose to engage an external consultant to provide executive search services.
- 1.3. The Board shall have sole responsibility for initiating the advertising process and shall make reasonable effort to ensure that all current district employees are made aware of the vacancy.
- 1.4. The Board shall constitute the selection committee.
- 1.5. The Board will invite representatives from Executive Staff and district stakeholder groups (CUPE, STA, SPVPA, and SPEAC) to advise the selection committee during the interview process.

2. Executive Staff

The following process shall be used for executive staff positions, specifically, Deputy Superintendent, Associate Superintendent, Secretary-Treasurer, Executive Director of Human Resources and the Executive Director of Digital Solutions.

- 2.1. The Superintendent is delegated authority to recruit and establish shortlisting and interview processes, within the limitations of legislation, budget allocations and collective agreements.
- 2.2. Prior to commencing a search for an Executive Staff position a current, written role description shall be prepared.
- 2.3. Input to the recruitment criteria shall be provided by the Board and may be sought from district stakeholder groups prior to the recruitment being initiated.
- 2.4. The Personnel Committee of the Board, Superintendent, and Executive Team Representatives appointed by the Superintendent shall constitute the short listing and selection committees for these positions.
- 2.5. The selection committee shall seek representation from other members of the Executive Staff and stakeholder groups to participate as an advisory committee to the selection committee during the interview process. Feedback and recommendations from the advisory committee will be recorded as reference material for the selection committee. Advisory committee

members, comprised of stakeholder representative, shall withdraw at the conclusion of this feedback process.

2.6. Recommendations by the selection committee shall be brought forward to the Board of Education for ratification.

3. Principals and Vice-Principals

At the discretion of the Superintendent and within the constraints of this policy, principal or vice-principal vacancies shall be filled through either: Principal or Vice-Principal mobility, selection from the Principal/Vice-Principal hiring pool; or through competition for a posted vacancy. Principals and Vice-Principals are hired to the district and placed in assignments.

3.1. Principal and Vice-Principal Mobility:

3.1.1. The Board believes that changes in Principal and Vice-Principal assignments can be positive for professional growth and the strengthening of system leadership.

3.1.2. The Superintendent is delegated authority for determining such changes in assignment.

3.1.3. Consideration for mobility transfers may be initiated at the request of either the Principal/Vice-Principal or the Superintendent. Normally, such consideration shall be given after the Principal/Vice-Principal has held an appointment for a reasonable period of time and there is value to be gained by a transfer.

3.1.4. Once mobility transfers have been completed the Superintendent shall inform the Board of the new assignments.

3.2. Principal/Vice-Principal Hiring Pool:

3.2.1. The District shall maintain an eligible administrator pool for the positions of elementary principal, elementary, middle and secondary vice-principal.

3.2.2. The Superintendent or designate may call for a competition of candidates who may be assigned to a district hiring pool for up to two (2) years.

3.2.3. Candidates are accepted into the eligible administrator pool pending the outcome of the recruitment and interview process.

3.2.4. Applicants may remain in the pool for two (2) years. After two (2) years, candidates are reviewed and references are checked. Positive references may allow candidates to remain in the eligibility pool for one (1) more year.

3.2.5. Information regarding successful pool candidates will be communicated to the Board.

3.3. Competition for a Posted Vacancy for Principal or Vice-Principal Positions:

3.3.1. The Superintendent is delegated full authority for all aspects of the selection processes for the positions of Principal and Vice-Principal, except as may otherwise be provided in this policy.

3.3.2. This delegated authority includes, but is not restricted to, establishing and carrying out a consultation process, recruitment, advertising, reviewing applications, short-listing, developing interview processes, communications with candidates, chairing the interview

process, determining the preferred candidate, making the appointment, and ensuring appropriate contractual arrangements.

3.3.3. The Superintendent shall inform the Board of Principal/Vice-Principal appointments, including to the eligible administrator pool.

4. Non-School Based Positions

The following process shall be followed for senior district management positions including Director and Manager.

4.1. The Superintendent is delegated authority to recruit and select senior staff and district management positions within the limitations of legislation, budget allocations and collective agreements.

4.2. These positions shall have a written job description and shall be compensated within the BCPSEA compensation guidelines.

5. Recruitment and Reporting Process

5.1. All Administrative Personnel positions captured within this policy, shall be approved by the Board, for the Superintendent and Executive Staff ,or the Superintendent for all other positions.

5.2. The Superintendent shall establish a recruitment process for all positions that provide an unbiased and objective process.

5.3. The Superintendent shall ensure that practices designed to improve the lives of disadvantaged individuals or groups as defined in the BC Human Rights Code are utilized as expressly permitted under a special program application to the BC Human Rights Commissioner.

5.4. Input into selection criteria:

5.4.1. The Superintendent shall, in collaboration with Executive Staff and others as appropriate, develop recruitment criteria for vacant positions.

5.4.2. The criteria shall reference duties and responsibilities, education and experience, and district leadership competencies.

5.5. Shortlisting

5.5.1. The Superintendent or designate will convene a selection panel comprised of three (3) representatives of the Superintendent's Office and one (1) representative of the Human Resources Department to determine shortlisted candidates for any posted, excluded position.

5.5.2. At the time of shortlisting, the committee will review the qualifications for the position, the approximate number of openings, the number of individuals to be interviewed, the process to be followed in examining the supporting material submitted by candidates, and the interviewing procedures.

5.5.3. The Superintendent or designate will contact shortlisted candidates and will arrange for interview times. Candidates will be briefed on the process prior to the interview. The shortlist of candidates will be kept confidential.

5.6. Interview Panels:

- 5.6.1. Where the Superintendent or designate determines that a single vacancy or hiring pool vacancy exists, an application process will be done with selection committee consisting of three (3) representatives of the Superintendent's Office and one (1) representative of the Human Resources Department.
- 5.6.2. Prior to the interview being held, the selection committee will agree on a presentation and questions that they will ask the candidates. Each candidate will be asked the same questions to ensure consistency and equity.
- 5.6.3. The Superintendent or designate will invite representatives from district stakeholder groups (CUPE, STA, SPVPA, and SPEAC) to advise the selection committee during the interview process.

5.7. Role of the Human Resources Department with Administrative Personnel

- 5.7.1. Appropriate representatives from the Human Resources Department will assist and support the work of filling administrative vacancies.
- 5.7.2. The Human Resources Department will facilitate completion of recruitment, interview and completion of offer and acceptance of employment processes.

- 5.8. The Superintendent will provide a report to the Board providing information on the appointment of successful candidates for all principal and vice-principal, and non-school based positions, outlining the skills, experience and relevant information of the selected candidate.

6. Hiring Matrix and Stakeholder Participation:

| Position Recruited | Recruitment Criteria Input | Shortlisting | Interview | Hiring Approval | Reporting |
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| Superintendent | Board May request from: Executive Staff, SPVPA, STA, CUPE, SPEAC, Indigenous Rights Holders | Board | Board, supported by the Executive Team | Board | Board informs community |
| Executive Staff | Board and Superintendent May request from: Executive Staff, SPVPA, CUPE, STA, SPEAC, Indigenous Rights Holders | Personnel Committee of the Board, Superintendent, and Executive Team Members appointed by the Superintendent | Personnel Committee of the Board, Superintendent, and Executive Team Members appointed by the Superintendent | Board and Superintendent | Board and Superintendent inform community |
| Principals, Vice-Principals | Superintendent May request from: Executive Staff, SPVPA, CUPE, STA, SPEAC, Indigenous Rights Holders | Superintendent and selection committee | Superintendent and established panel | Superintendent | Superintendent informs Board |
| Non-School Based Staff | Executive Staff and Direct Reports | Executive Staff and selection committee | Executive Staff and established panel | | Executive Staff Member informs Superintendent and Board |
| Other Exempt Staff | Directors, Manager May request from: direct reports | Director, Manager | Director, Manager, supervisor | Director or Manager | Director or Manager informs Executive lead |