

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

Members of the Board of Education have legal authority for the conduct of the district schools only when acting as a body, by majority vote, in a properly convened session.

Board members acting as individuals have no authority over school affairs or school personnel. The Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through adopted policy or by majority vote, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

Members of the Board are free to speak as individuals on issues related to school affairs, but when doing so are expected to communicate clearly that any such expression represents their own individual view and not the view of the Board.

Every Board member is expected to sign and abide by the School Board Member Code of Conduct attached to and made part of this policy.

Cross-ref: 2110, School Board Powers and Duties
2330, Executive Sessions

Ref: Education Law §§1604; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710
General Municipal Law §805-a
Matter of Bruno, 4 EDR 14 (1964)

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