

0146 BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

A Board member does not possess individually the authority and powers that reside in the Board of Education. No Board member by virtue of his/her office shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the operation of the school district or as an individual command the services of any school district employee. The Board shall not be found in any way by any action or statement on the part of an individual Board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.

Release of Information

Board member access to public, personnel, and pupil records shall be governed by law and by the provisions of Policy Nos. 8310, 8320, and 8330.

Confidential information to which a Board member becomes privy as a result of his/her office shall be used only for the purpose of helping the member discharge his/her responsibilities as Board member. No Board member shall reveal information contained in a confidential record or received during a duly convened private session of the Board except when that information has been released to the public by the Board.

Public Expressions

Only the Board President shall authorize or make statements of official Board positions.

The Vice President shall be authorized to make statements of official Board positions when acting in the capacity of the President in the absence of the President.

No other member of the Board of Education individually will speak for, or in the name of, the total Board unless by explicit direction of the Board.

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