

**Limits of Authority**

The Bethany Board of Education's (Board) statutory authority is to be exercised collectively by Board members in public meetings of the Board and in committee meetings. Except for specific responsibilities of the Board officers as set forth in the bylaws, individual members of the Board have no individual authority in the Bethany Public School District (District) school, unless carrying out an assignment specifically authorized at a meeting of the Board but exercise governance as part of the entire Board or of a specifically authorized committee working under specific committee charges from the Board.

**Elected Members of the Board of Education**

Members of the Board are expected to represent and balance the educational interests of students in the school, District citizens, and the State of Connecticut through:

1. advocacy for appropriate educational opportunities for District students;
2. regular attendance at Board meetings;
3. participation in meeting discussions on issues before the Board;
4. suggesting agenda topics to the Board Chairperson or the Superintendent of Schools;
5. regular attendance and fulfilling responsibilities on committees to which they are appointed;
6. becoming knowledgeable about Board authority, constraints, and procedures;
7. becoming informed about the school and their educational programs and activities;
8. representing the community as part of a representative democratic governmental body;
9. understanding and following Board policy.

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