

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

Members of the North Merrick Board of Education have legal authority for the conduct of the district schools only when acting as a body in a properly convened session. Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school affairs. Members of the North Merrick Board are free to speak to individuals on these issues outside of Board meetings, but such public expression is not to be construed as Board policy.

Subject to confidentiality requirement noted below or otherwise required by applicable law, the North Merrick Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of Board membership, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

Information from executive sessions must remain confidential at all times, unless release is appropriately authorized. A Board member who knowingly and intentionally violates the prohibition against disclosure of confidential information from executive session, may be subject to removal from office in accordance with the provisions of Education Law sections 1709(18) or 1706.

Each Board member will act in a manner as set forth by the School Board Member Code of Conduct Exhibit. All Board members will sign/execute this document at the annual reorganizational meeting.

Ref: Education Law §1604; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710
Matter of Bruno 4EDR 14 (1964)

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