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BOARD POLICY – LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

BP 9200

The County Board of Education recognizes that it has authority only as a unit and that a County Board member has no individual authority. County Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the County Board as a whole, individual members of the County Board shall not exercise any authority with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the County Board. In appropriate circumstances individual County Board members may independently submit requests for information to the secretary of the County Board.

Individual County Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any County Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the County Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate process. For the purpose of requesting information, County Board members shall also refer County Board-related correspondence to the president and the secretary of the County Board for dissemination to the rest of the County Board or placement on the agenda, as appropriate.

A County Board member whose child is attending a school within the jurisdiction of the Santa Barbara County Education Office (SBCEO) should be aware of his/her role as a County Board member when interacting with SBCEO employees about his/her child. The County Board member should inform the County Superintendent before volunteering in his/her child's classroom.

Policy Reference Disclaimer:

These references are not intended to be part of the policy itself, nor do they indicate the basis or authority for the board to enact this policy. Instead, they are provided as additional resources for those interested in the subject matter of the policy.

Management Resources

California County Boards of Education
Publication
CSBA Publication

Website
Website

Description

County Board Member Handbook: A Guide to Effective Governance, 2015
Professional Governance Standards for County Boards,
October 2014

[CSBA](#)
[California County Boards of Education](#)

State

Ed. Code 1040-1042
Ed. Code 200-262.4
Ed. Code 35160-35184
Ed. Code 51101

Description

Duties and responsibilities of County Boards
Prohibition of discrimination
Powers and duties
Rights of parents/guardians

Gov. Code 54950-54963
Gov. Code 54952.1
Gov. Code 54952.7

[The Ralph M. Brown Act](#)
Member of a legislative body of a local agency
Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

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