**CHESTER BOARD OF EDUCATION** **FILE CODE: 9020**
**Chester, New Jersey** **_____ Monitored**
**_____ Mandated**
**Bylaw** **__X__ Other Reasons**

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Only the board president shall authorize or make statements of official board positions.

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. Board members should emphasize that they can only speak as individual board members unless empowered by the board to speak for it.

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Key Words

Board Members' Role, Public Statements

**Legal References:**

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| N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 | General mandatory powers and duties |
| N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 | Distribution of literature to candidacy, board issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited |
| N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 | Powers of board (county vocational schools) |

**Possible Cross References:**

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| *1100 | Communicating with the public |
| *1110 | Media |
| *9010 | Role of the member |
| *9271 | Code of ethics |

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.