

SALEM SCHOOL SYSTEM  
Salem, Connecticut

BY LAWS OF THE BOARD

LIMITS OF AUTHORITY

The Board of Education is the governing body of the Salem School System. Although elected locally, members are state officials responsible for governing the system according to regulations of the Connecticut State Board of Education.

Official decisions of the Board can be arrived at only duly constituted Board meetings. Individual Board members or groups of Board members do not have independent authority to speak for the Board or commit the district to any policy, act or expenditure unless directed by specific action of the Board.

It is important that Board members be nonpartisan in dealing with school matters and not subordinate the education of children and youth to any partisan principle, group interest or personal ambition.

No individual member of the Board, by virtue of holding office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the school, nor as an individual command the service of any school employee.

(cf. 1312 – Public Complaints)  
(cf. 6144 – Controversial Issues)  
(cf. 9000 – Role of Board Members)  
(cf. 9222.1 Duties of Board Officers)

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