

## RSU #63

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- b. **Title:** **Board Member Authority & Responsibilities**
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- j. **References** **MSBA Handbook for Maine School Board Members**
- k. **Narrative:**

The authority of RSU #63 Board of Directors (the Board) members is limited to participating in actions taken by the Board as a whole when legally in session. Board members will not assume responsibilities of administrators or other staff members. The Board or staff is not bound in any way or by any action taken or statement made by any individual Board member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions and official action taken by the Board.

- I. The Board is responsible for employing an able and qualified Superintendent of Schools.
- II. The Board is responsible for adopting policies to govern RSU #63 (the District).
- III. Individual Board members will refer all complaints or requests directly or indirectly relating to instruction, personnel, or services to the Superintendent of Schools, who is charged with the responsibility of administering policies related to these areas.
- IV. Individual Board members are obligated to attend Board meetings regularly and to request an excused absence when the member is unable to attend. Each member will review the agenda and study materials distributed prior to the meeting to be prepared to participate in the discussion making for each agenda item.
- V. In addition to the foregoing, individual Board members should meet the following qualifications:
  - A. Have personal integrity, intelligence, and appreciation of the value of a good education.
  - B. Citizens willing and capable of assuming committee and Board responsibilities.
  - C. Active member of Board deliberations and discussions.
  - D. Ability to work with others and always vote their beliefs as champions of public schools with attention to the quality of education provided to the students of the District.

- E.** Prepared and willing to devote a sufficiently large amount of time to the study of the problems of education in the District so as to be able to interpret them to the citizens of the District.
  
- F.** Willing and able to dedicate their time and knowledge, for the benefit of the District.