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0146 BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

A Board member does not possess individually the authority and powers that reside in the Board of Education. No Board member by virtue of his/her office shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the operation of the school district or as an individual command the services of any school district employee. Members of the Board shall adhere to the Code of Ethics for Board members in Bylaw 0142.

Release of Information

Board member access to public, personnel, and pupil records shall be governed by law and by the provisions of Policy Nos. 8310, 8320, and 8330.

Confidential information to which a Board member becomes privy as a result of his/her office shall be used only for the purpose of helping the member discharge his/her responsibilities as Board member. No Board member shall reveal information contained in a confidential record or received during a duly convened private session of the Board except when that information has been released to the public by the Board.

Public Expressions

Board members are entitled to express themselves publicly on any matter, including issues involving the Board and the school district. Individual Board members cannot, however, express the position of the Board except as expressly authorized, in accordance with Board Policy No. 9120. A Board member shall not represent his/her personal opinion as the position of the Board and shall include in all formal expressions in which his/her Board affiliation is likely to be recognized, such as letters to government officials or newspapers, speeches to organizations, and the like, a statement identifying himself/herself as a member of the Board, a statement that the opinions expressed do not necessarily represent those of the Board and that the expression is not written on behalf of nor authorized by the Board. In addition, any information provided must be accurate, non-confidential, and must not compromise the Board.

Internal Grievances

It is recognized that Board Members have personal opinions that are not necessarily those of the entire Board. Board Members agree to act professionally and in accordance with the law. Should an individual Board Member have an issue or concern with another Board Member, he/she agrees to resolve it amongst themselves. If not, he/she agrees to contact the Board President for additional assistance to resolve the issue/concern. Concerns about Board procedure should similarly be brought to the attention of the Board President. Nothing herein shall be construed to limit any individual Board Members rights granted by applicable law.

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Visitation

Any Board of Education member wishing to visit a school building must submit a written request to the Superintendent of Schools in advance, identifying the purpose and nature of the proposed visit. Upon receipt and approval of the request, the Superintendent, or their designee, shall accompany the Board member throughout the visit.

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1; 18A:12-21 et seq.;
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