

POLICY

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Governance & Operations

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

Members of the Board of Education have legal authority for the conduct of the district schools only when acting as a body in a properly convened session.

Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school affairs. The Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through adopted policy or by majority vote, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

Members of the Board are free to speak to individuals on issues related to school affairs, but when doing so are expected to communicate clearly that any such expression represents their own individual view and not the view of the entire Board.

Every Board member is expected to sign and abide by the School Board Member Code of Conduct attached to and made part of this policy.

Ref: Education Law §§1604; 1701; 1708; 1709; 1710
Matter of Bruno, 4 EDR 14 (1964)

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