

**BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Trustees is the governing body of the school district. No action of the Board of Trustees shall be valid unless such action receives the approval of a majority of the board members. As all powers of the Board of Trustees lie in its action as a group, individual board members exercise their authority over district affairs only as they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board.

Individual board members, including the chair, shall have power to act on behalf of the Board only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him or her.

Although a board member as an individual may listen to matters concerning the school district, the board member does not have the authority to make statements in the name of the Board or make commitments involving the Board. An individual board member may express personal comments or statements as long as such expressions include that it is the individual opinion of the board member and not that of the Board. No individual member of the Board has the authority to direct the actions of any school district employee.

Each individual board member has the responsibility to represent, open-mindedly, the entire school district. The board member's consideration for the entire school district should take precedence over every form of school area partisanship and special interest.

See also policy:

KE -Public Concerns and Complaints

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