

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY
(And Duties)

Because all powers of the Board reside in its action as a group, individual members should exercise their authority over District affairs only as they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board.

An individual Board member has power only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him.

It will be the duty of the individual members of the Board to attend all legally called meetings of the Board, except for compelling reasons to the contrary; to participate in the normal business operations of the Board at the meetings; and to represent interests of all the citizens of the District in matters affecting the education of the students in the District.

Duties and obligations of an individual Board member include, but are not limited to, the following:

1. to familiarize himself with the State school laws; regulations of the State Department of Education; and District policies, rules, and regulations;
2. to take advantage of the various training opportunities which are offered locally, regionally, statewide and nationally for Board members;
3. to have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the system;
4. to work harmoniously with other Board members;
5. to vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the District;
6. to accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give wholehearted support to the resulting policy;
7. to be responsive to the wishes and desires expressed by the community and to interpret the District's programs and policies to the public in such a way as to promote community interest and support;
8. to refer all suggestions and complaints to the Superintendent and/or Board and to abstain from individual counsel and action.

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