

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

Board members have authority only when the Board of Education is in session and when acting as a committee of the whole.

When the Board is not in session, individual members have no authority to make statements binding the Board to any action unless expressly stated by a majority vote of the Board, nor authority to order school employees to carry out any assignment.

No Board member shall have any special privilege, power or control over the district's schools or district's employees, unless authorized by an official action of the Board.

Members of the Board are free to speak to individuals on school district issues outside of Board meetings, but such public expression is not to be construed as Board policy. Information appropriately discussed in Executive Session must remain confidential until such time as the matter is discussed or acted upon in public session by the Board of Education. The Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of Board membership, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

Ref: Education Law Section 1604
Matter of Bruno, 4 EDR 14 (1964)

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