

BOARD BYLAWS OF THE BOARDPublic Statements

~~The Board of Trustees will make its members, the district staff, and the public aware that only the board acting as a whole has authority to take official action.~~

The Governing Board recognizes the ~~rights of Board members~~ responsibility of Board members in their role as community leaders to participate in public discourse on matters of civic or community interest, including those involving the district, and their right to freely express their personal views ~~and encourages open discussion.~~ However, to ensure communication of issues ~~during~~ a consistent, unified message regarding district issues, Board members are expected to respect the authority of the Board meeting. The Board believes that effective Board members have a responsibility to express themselves, whether in agreement or disagreement with the Board majority, in ways that promote the Board's ability to govern the district ~~to choose its representatives to communicate its positions and to abide by established protocols.~~

All public statements ~~in the name~~ authorized to be made on behalf of the ~~Governing board~~ Board shall be ~~issued~~ made by the Board ~~President~~ president or, if appropriate, by the Superintendent at the direction of the Board President. No individual Board member shall make ~~or other designated representative.~~

*(cf. 2110 - Superintendent Responsibilities and Duties)*

*(cf. 9121 - President)*

*(cf. 9200 - Limits of Board Member Authority)*

When speaking for the district, the Board encourages its spokespersons to exercise restraint and tact and to communicate the message in a manner that promotes public statements confidence in the ~~name of the Board or statements that contravene the policies and actions~~ Board's leadership.

Board spokespersons shall not disclose confidential information or information received in closed session except when authorized by a majority of the Board ~~or that jeopardize the ability.~~ (Government Code 54963)

*(cf. 9005 - Governance Standards)*

*(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of ~~Board to act effectively~~ Confidential/Privileged Information)*

When speaking to community groups, ~~the media, or other~~ members of the public, or the media, individual Board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the Board. Board members have a responsibility to identify personal viewpoints as such ~~as~~ and not as the viewpoint of the Board.

~~Before voting on any issue, all~~

*(cf. 1100 - Communication with the Public)*

~~(cf. Board members shall be encouraged to present to their colleagues whatever evidence they may feel important to the matter at hand. The Board shall fully consider the implications and relevancy of all information so presented. All opinions, reactions and positions shall be openly~~

~~discussed so that each member may understand all aspects of the issue before the Board decides the outcome or direction it will take.~~

~~When a board decision has been reached, all board members, even those who may have voted against it, will support that decision until it is amended or rescinded by board action. Any board member who may wish to criticize or oppose any specific board action should do so only in a board meeting.~~

~~No member of the governing board, or district personnel involved in closed session, individually, will release information from a closed session or speak for, or in the name of, the total board.~~

~~1112 - Media Relations~~

In addition, the Board encourages members who participate on social networking sites, blogs, or other discussion or informational sites to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community. Such electronic communications are subject to the same standards and protocols established for other forms of communication, and the disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act may likewise apply to them.

~~(cf. 1113 - District and School Web Sites)~~

~~(cf. 1114 - District-Sponsored Social Media)~~

~~(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records)~~

~~(cf. 9012 -~~

~~(cf. 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)~~

~~(cf. 9200 - Limits of Board Member Authority)~~Electronic Communications)

*Legal Reference:*

*EDUCATION CODE*

*35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules*

*GOVERNMENT CODE*

*6250-6270 California Public Records Act*

*54960 Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions*

*54963 Confidential information in closed session*

*Management Resources:*

*WEB SITES*

*CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>*

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