

ROLE OF THE MEMBER

It is understood that the members of the board have authority only when acting as a board legally in session. The board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the board.

Members of the board shall adhere to the code of ethics for board members in bylaw 9271.

No board member, by virtue of his/her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

Board members visiting the schools for any reason shall observe district regulations for all visitors.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

Cross References: List your appropriate policies. See legal reference sheet for possibilities.

Key Words

Individual Board Member, Board Members' Role

Legal References

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Other Reasons:

It is advisable to have a bylaw limiting the individual member's authority. N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 and N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 give boards power to make rules for their own government.

Recommendation:

A bylaw outlining individual board member's authority.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1</u>	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.</u>	<u>School Ethics Act</u>
	<u>N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20</u>	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1 et seq.</u>	School Ethics Commission

Possible

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1250	Visitors
	*9020	Public statements
	*9271	Code of ethics

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.