

Bylaw

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Only the board president shall authorize or make statements of official board positions.

No other member of the board of education individually will speak for, or in the name of, the total board unless by explicit direction of the board. Board members should emphasize that they can only speak as individual board members unless empowered by the board to speak for it.

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Legal References: Use legal reference sheet.

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

Key Words

Board Members' Role, Public Statements

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Other Reasons:

Common sense indicates the advisability of having a bylaw designating authorized spokespersons. The board must avoid the confusion in the community that would result from indiscriminate issuing of statements.

Recommendation:

A bylaw designating the board president as spokesperson.

Legal References:

<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:42-4	Distribution of literature to candidacy, board issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible

Cross References:

*1100	Communicating with the public
*1110	Media
*9010	Role of the member
*9271	Code of ethics

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