

Bylaw

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Only the board president shall authorize or make statements of official board positions or, if appropriate the chief school administrator at the direction of the board president.

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, when asked to speak as a board member. Board members will hold in confidence matters not properly disclosed to the public.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature to candidacy, board issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
N.J.S.A. 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.