

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Directors of the Board have legal authority for the conduct of the schools only when acting as a body legally in session.

The Board of Directors shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of an individual Board Director, including the Chairperson, except when the Chairperson through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of the Board of Directors has delegated this authority to her or him.

The duties and obligations of an individual Board Director may be enumerated as follows:

1. To familiarize him/herself with the State school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education and local policies, rules and regulations.
2. To take advantage of the various training opportunities which are offered locally, regionally and nationally for Board Directors.
3. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the system.
4. To work harmoniously with other Board Directors and with Town officials without trying either to dominate the Board or neglect her/his share of the work.
5. To vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the District.
6. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give wholehearted support to the resulting policy.
7. To represent the Board of Directors and the schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
8. To refer all suggestions and complaints to the Superintendent and/or Board of Directors and to abstain from individual counsel and action.

Legal Reference: 20-A M.R.S.A. Subsection 1001

Cross Reference: BBA – Board of Directors Powers & Duties; BBAB –Board of Directors Self-Evaluation; BCA – Board of Directors Code of Ethics; BCB – Board of Directors Conflict of Interest; BCC – Nepotism

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