

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

Board Members

Limits of Board Members Authority

The Board of Trustees is the unit of authority over the district. It has broad but clearly limited powers. The exercise of its authority is restricted to the functions required or permitted by law, and then only when it acts in a legally constituted meeting. *(cf. 9000 - Role of the Board)*

The Board member has no individual authority. Individually, the Board member may not commit the district to any policy, act or expenditure. The Board member cannot do business with the district served, nor should the Board member have an interest in any contract with the school district. The Board member represents and acts for the community as a whole and does not represent any factional segment of the community. *(cf. 9270 - Conflict of Interest)*

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 Members, except when such statement or action is in the pursuance of specific instructions from the Board. (Taken from BUSD BP 9260)

Individual members of the Board, by virtue of holding office, shall not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee. Individual Board members shall submit requests for information to the Superintendent. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent may refer the request to the entire Board for consideration. If approved, the Superintendent or designee shall perform any necessary research associated with the request and report to the Board at a future meeting. *(cf. 1340 - Access to District Records & 9011 - Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)*

Obligations of Board Members

Board members and persons elected to the Board are responsible for complying with the requirements of the state's open meeting laws

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the Brown Act to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board.

Legal Reference: Education Code
 7054 Use of district property
 35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
 35100-35351 Governing boards – esp.

35160-35184 Powers and duties
35230-35240 Corrupt practices
35291 Rules

Government Code

54952.1 Member of a legislative body of a local agency
54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body
54959 Penalty for unlawful meetings

Policy

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