

Piedmont Unified SD

Board Bylaw

BB 9200
Board Bylaws

Members

Limits of Board Member's Authority

~~The Board of Education 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 Governing Board recognizes that the Board is the unit of authority over the district and that a Board member has no individual authority. Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the Board as a whole, individual members of the Board 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. Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda, as appropriate.

Individual Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process.

A Board member whose child is attending a district school should be aware of his/her role as a Board member when interacting with district employees about his/her child. Because his/her position as a Board member may inhibit the performance of school personnel, the Board member should inform the Superintendent or designee before volunteering in his/her child's classroom.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the state's open meeting laws (Brown Act) to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board but has not yet assumed office.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not yet assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of the Brown Act. (Government Code 54952.1)

~~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)~~

~~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)~~

~~(cf. 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)~~

Obligations of Board Members

~~Board members should hold the education of children and youth above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.~~

~~Board members should understand their role and the programs offered by the district. They should study all agenda materials before the meeting, participate in the discussion of items which come before the Board, vote on motions and resolutions, and abstain only for compelling reasons.~~

~~(cf. 9240 – Board Development)~~

~~(cf. 9271 – Code of Ethics)~~

~~(cf. 9320 – Meetings and Notices)~~

~~Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent or designee for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda.~~

~~(cf. 9322 – Agenda/Meeting Materials)~~

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

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

~~7054 Use of district property~~

~~35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules~~

~~35100-35351 Board of Trustees – esp.~~

~~35160-35184 Powers and duties~~

~~35230-35240 Corrupt practices~~

~~35291 Rules~~
~~35292 Visits to schools (Board members)~~
~~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~~

State

Ed. Code 200-262.4
Ed. Code 35010
Ed. Code 35100-35351
Ed. Code 35160-35178.4
Ed. Code 35291
Ed. Code 35292
Ed. Code 51101
Ed. Code 7054
Gov. Code 54950-54963
Gov. Code 54952.1
Gov. Code 54952.7

Description

[Prohibition of discrimination](#)
Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
Governing boards
[Powers and duties](#)
Rules (power of governing board)
Visits to schools (Board members)
Rights of parents/guardians
Use of district property; campaign purposes
The Ralph M. Brown Act
Member of a legislative body of a local agency
Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

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