

Bylaw

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

Only the Haworth Board of Education president shall be authorized to make statements of official board positions. Only the board president or superintendent/principal shall be authorized to communicate with members of the media.

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.

The board and superintendent/principal shall have broad responsibilities to keep the public informed about the actions of the board as specified by law. Only in instances specified in Bylaw 9322 shall the board go into private session.

The board shall adhere to all tenets of the Open Public Meetings Act which permits any member of the public to attend any board meeting and to attend any other meeting where public statements may be made by the president of the board.

The board shall adhere to all elements of the School Ethics Act as required by law. In so doing, board members shall uphold the element pertaining to the presentation of public statements.

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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.