

Bylaw 9200: Limits Of Board Member Authority

The Governing Board recognizes that the Governing Board is the unit of authority over the district and expects individual Governing Board members to conduct themselves in accordance with Board Bylaw 9000 - Role of the Board and Board Bylaw 9005 - Governance Standards.

Unless agreed to by the Governing Board as a whole, an individual Governing Board member possesses no authority to direct staff, represent the Governing Board or the district, or exercise administrative responsibility with respect to the schools.

Additionally, individual Governing Board members do not have the authority to investigate, resolve, or otherwise actively engage with community members with respect to complaints, personnel or student matters, or legal issues. Any Governing Board member who receives a communication regarding such a topic shall forward the communication to or otherwise inform the Superintendent or Governing Board president, as appropriate, who shall respond or otherwise follow-up, as needed. The Governing Board member shall not respond substantively to the communication beyond acknowledging receipt and explaining the limits of the Governing Board member's authority. It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent or Governing Board president to inform the Governing Board or place the topic on a future Governing Board agenda.

Individual Governing Board members are permitted to engage with community members, including responding to general inquiries or expressions of opinion. Such engagement shall be consistent with Board policies and bylaws such as Board Bylaw 9010 - Public Statements and Board Bylaw 9012 - Board Member Electronic Communications, and may not purport to represent the position of the Governing Board.

Requests for information by an individual Governing Board member shall be submitted to the Superintendent.

A Governing Board member may observe and/or volunteer in a school or classroom, including in the school or classroom in which the Governing Board member's child is enrolled, in accordance with Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 1240—Volunteer Assistance and Board Policy/Administrative Regulation 5020 - Parent Rights and Responsibilities. Prior to observing or volunteering in an official capacity, a Governing Board member shall inform the Superintendent. Additionally, a Governing Board member who is present on district property or at district programs or activities is expected to be aware of the role and limits on authority as a Governing Board member.

A Governing Board member who chooses to observe or volunteer shall do so in a manner that does not disrupt school operations. Any questions or concerns regarding operational or

personnel matters shall be directed to the Superintendent or designee. Any questions or concerns specific to the Governing Board member's child may be directed to appropriate site staff. If a question or concern is both specific to the Governing Board member's child and involves operational or personnel matters, the Governing Board member shall collaborate with the Superintendent or designee to determine whether the Governing Board member shall direct the question or concern to site staff or whether the responsibility to investigate or resolve the question or concern, if necessary, lies with the Superintendent or designee.