

BYLAWS OF THE BOARD

SUBJECT: Members

Limits of Board Members Authority

The County Board of Education 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.

The County Board of Education is the unit of authority. Apart from the normal function as part of the unit, the Board member has no individual authority. Individually, the Board member may not commit the County Office of Education to any policy, act or expenditure. The Board member cannot do business with the County Office of Education, nor should the Board member have an interest in any contract with the County Office in general. The Board member does not represent any factional segment of the county, but is rather a part of the board which represents and acts for the county as a whole.

No individual member of the County Board of Education, by virtue of holding office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the Office; nor, as an individual, command the services of any Riverside County Office of Education employee.

No members of the County Board of Education shall be asked to perform any routine or clerical duties which may be assigned to an employee, nor shall any Board member become an employee of the County Superintendent of Schools or any school district in Riverside County while serving on the Board.

Obligations of Members

Members of the Board must endeavor to attend all meetings, study all materials presented with the agenda prior to attending the meeting, participate in the discussion of any items which come before the Board, and vote on all motions and resolutions, abstaining only for compelling reasons.

Board members should not subordinate the education of children and youth to any partisan principle, group interest, or their own personal interest.

Board members should be prepared and willing to devote a sufficient amount of time to the study of the problems of education in the Office, districts in the county, the state, and the nation in order to interpret them to the people of the county.

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

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and to anyone who is elected to the Board.

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

1006 - Qualifications for Holding Office

7054 - Use of district property

35160-35160.1 - Authority of Governing Boards

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