

ROLE OF THE MEMBER

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 member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.

A Board member may not receive compensation for his/her services, but expenses of a Board member incurred in the performance of his/her duties shall be reimbursed by the Board in accordance with bylaw 9250 Expenses.

Whenever a civil or criminal action has been brought against any person for any act or omission arising out of and in the course of the performance of his/her duties as a member of the Board of Education, and in the case of a criminal action such action results in final disposition in favor of the Board member, the cost of defending such action, including responsible counsel fees and expenses, together with costs of appeal, if any, shall be borne by the Board of Education.

Members of the Board shall adhere to the code of ethics for Board members in bylaw 9271 Code of Ethics.

No Board member, by virtue of his/her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

No Board member shall be denied facts or materials require for the proper performance of his/her duties. However, if, in the opinion of the Superintendent, a Board member's request(s) for fact and information is unreasonable, the Superintendent may withhold said facts or materials until a ruling is made by the Board

Board members visiting the schools for any reason shall observe District regulations for all visitors.

<u>Legal References:</u>	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:12-21 <u>et seq.</u>	School Ethics Act
	<u>N.J.S.A.</u> 18A:54-20	Powers of Board (county vocational schools)
	<u>N.J.A.C.</u> 6A:28-1.1 <u>et seq.</u>	School Ethics Commission

<u>Cross References:</u>	*1250	Visitors
	*9020	Public statements
	*9250	Expenses
	*9271	Code of ethics

*Indicates policy is included in the Critical Policy Reference Manual.

Key Words

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