

**BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY**

All powers of the Board of Education derived from the State Statutes and the State Board of Education are granted in terms of action as a group. Therefore, individual Board members exercise authority over District affairs only as they vote to take action at a legal meeting of the Board.

The President shall have power only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him or her.

It is contrary to the spirit of the statutes for any Board member to seek individually to influence the official functions of the School District.

The Board of Education and its members shall deal with administrative services through the Superintendent and shall not give orders to any subordinates of the Superintendent either publicly or privately.

No legal action can be taken except at a duly warned meeting of the Board and by a quorum acting as a unit.

The decisions of the Board shall be binding until rescinded by the Board at a duly called regular or special meeting

It shall be the practice of the Board of Education to make its members, the district staff, and the public aware that only the Board acting as a whole has authority to take official legislative action.

**Legal Reference:**

*N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-Section Ed. 303.01, Substantive Duties of Board of Educations*

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