

Hermiston School District 8R

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Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

An individual Board member exercises the authority and responsibility of his/her position when the Board is in legal session only. A Board member has the authority to act in the name of the Board when authorized by a specific Board motion.

The duties and obligations of an individual Board member may be enumerated as follows:

1. To familiarize him/herself with the state school laws, the State Board of Education regulations, and the Hermiston School District policies, rules and regulations;
2. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the system;
3. To work harmoniously with other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or neglect his/her share of the work;
4. To vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the district;
5. To suspend judgment until the facts are available and make up his/her mind after all the evidence is in and the discussion is concluded;
6. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and give support to the resulting decision;
7. To represent the Board and the Hermiston schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support;
8. To refer complaints to the proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action;
9. To recognize the superintendent shall have full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties within limits of established Board policy;
10. To be knowledgeable of information requested through Board action, supplied by the superintendent, gained through attendance at district activities and through professional Board activities.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.045](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)

[ORS 332.057](#)

[ORS 332.075](#)

38 OR. ATTY. GEN. OP. 1995 (1978)

S. Benton Educ. Ass'n v. Monroe Union High Sch. Dist., 83 Or. App. 425 (1987).