

Sherman County S. D.

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Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

Authority of the Individual Board Member

Members of the Board shall have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. Members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have complete authority, within school law and district policy, over school affairs when they serve as a legal body. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of an individual member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instruction of the Board.

Duties of the Individual Board Member

The duties and obligations of the individual Board member include the following:

1. To become familiar with state school laws, administrative rules of the State Board of Education and Sherman County School District policies, rules and regulations;
2. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the school system;
3. To work harmoniously with the other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or to neglect his/her share of the work;
4. To vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the district without subordinating the education of students to partisan interests;
5. To have the courage of his/her convictions and vote his/her beliefs, accepting the will of the majority vote in all cases as the policy of the entire Board, giving whole-hearted support to such policy until such time as the policy may be changed by majority action;
6. To attend all meetings, discuss items presented on the agenda, suggest other items for consideration and vote upon motions and resolutions presented;
7. To represent the Board and Sherman County School District 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 refrain from individual counsel and action.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.045](#)
[ORS 332.055](#)

[ORS 332.057](#)
[ORS 332.075](#)

38 Op Atty Gen 1995 (1978).

South Benton Education Association v. Monroe UH School District 1, 83 Or. App. 425 (1987).