

Bylaw

ROLE OF THE MEMBER

It is understood that the members of the Township of Union Board of Education 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.

Members of the board shall adhere to the code of ethics for board members in bylaw 9271.

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.

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

Duties of Board Members

The duties and obligations of individual board members are:

- A. To become generally familiar with state school laws; regulations of the state department of education, Township of Union School District policies, rules, and regulations;
- B. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the Union Township system;
- C. To work harmoniously with other board members without trying either to dominate the board or to neglect a fair share of the work;
- D. To vote and act impartially in board meetings for the good of the district;
- E. To recognize the authority of the majority vote;
- F. To represent the board and the Township of Union Schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support;
- G. To refer complaints to the proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action.

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Key Words

Individual Board Member, Board Members' Role

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

Possible

ROLE OF THE MEMBER (continued)

Cross References: *1250 Visitors
*9020 Public statements
*9271 Code of ethics

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