

Bylaw

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The Township of Union Board of Education recognizes that arbitrary or independent actions by board members can produce serious consequences for the effectiveness of school operations. An-essential quality of a good board member is a deep sense of loyalty to associates and to group decisions cooperatively reached. Therefore, only the president shall authorize or make statements of official board positions.

No member of the board of education-individually will speak for, or in the name of the total board unless by explicit direction of the board. Board members should emphasize that they can only speak as individual board members unless empowered by the board to speak for it.

Before the superintendent of schools, business administrator or the board secretary, or any of their respective designees, may announce any new or expanded programs, or other activities of any type of this board of education, they shall, at least one (1) week in advance of any notices or information to the public, notify the board president and secure approval for the release of any information concerning any new or expanded programs. Any questionnaires to the public generally, or to the parent/ guardians of pupils in the district, that in any way indicate a new or expanded program of activities, shall contain a statement that the board has not approved any such activity, and that the questionnaire or inquiry is for informational purposes only.

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Legal References: N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Distribution of literature to candidacy, board issues, or other public question to be submitted at election; prohibited
N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20 Powers of board (county vocational schools)

Possible

Cross References: *1100 Communicating with the public
*1110 Media
*9010 Role of the member
*9271 Code of ethics

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