

Seaside School District 10

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Individual Board Member's Authority and Responsibilities

Duly elected new Board members will present themselves to the Board at the first regular meeting in July to assume their positions as members of the Board.

An individual Board member exercises the authority and responsibility of his or her position only when the Board is in legal session.

No member of the Board will have the authority to act in the name of the Board unless so authorized by specific motion of the Board. When authorized to act as the District's designated representative in collective bargaining, a Board member may make and accept proposals in bargaining subject to subsequent approval by the Board.

A Board member has the right to express personal opinions. When expressing such opinions in public, the Board member will clearly identify the opinions as his or her own.

Members will be knowledgeable of information requested through Board action and/or supplied by the superintendent and gained through participating in Board professional activities.

Members of the Board will adhere to the following procedures in carrying out the responsibilities of Board membership:

1. Request for Information

Any individual member of the Board who desires information will make such a request to the superintendent. Requests for information which require a written report or additional expense to the District must be submitted to the Board for consideration.

2. Requests for Legal Opinions

Any member of the Board may request a legal opinion. Such request, however, must be made through the Board chair to the superintendent. If the legal opinion sought involves the superintendent's employment or performance, the request should be made to the Board chair. Legal counsel is responsible to the Board.

3. Action on Complaints or Requests Made to Board Members

When Board members receive complaints or requests for action from staff, students or members of the public, such information is to be conveyed to the superintendent for action and a report to the whole Board in writing or at a later Board meeting.

4. Board Member's Relationship to Administration

Individual Board members will become informed about the educational program of the District, may visit schools or other facilities to gain information required to become so informed, and may request information from the superintendent, but will not intervene in the administration of the District or its schools.

5. Contracts Made By Individual Board Members

Contracts of agreements made by individual Board members without the Board's authority are invalid.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 332.045](#)

[ORS 332.057](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)

[ORS 332.075](#)

38 Op Atty Gen 1995 (1978).

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