

## Raymond School District Policy - BBAA

## BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

All powers of the School Board lie in its action as a corporate body. Individual board members may not exercise authority over District affairs.

An individual board member, including the chairperson, has power only when the Board by vote has delegated authority to him or her.

Board members shall not assume responsibilities of administrators or other staff members. The Board or staff shall not be bound in any way by any action statement made by any individual Board member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions and official action taken by the Board.

No legal action can be taken except at a duly warned meeting of the Board and by a quorum acting as a unit.

The decisions of the Board shall be binding until rescinded by the Board at a duly called regular or special meeting.

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

1. To familiarize himself/herself with the State school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education, Raymond School District policies and regulations.
2. To have a general knowledge of educational aims and objectives of the system.
3. To review the agenda and study materials distributed prior to the meeting and be prepared to participate in the discussion and decision-making for each agenda item. Each agenda will provide an opportunity for Board members to comment on District activities and/or educational issues. These comments may become topics for future Board discussions.
4. To work harmoniously with other board members without trying either to dominate the board or neglect his/her share of the work.
5. To vote and act in the board meetings impartially for the good of the district.
6. To accept the will of the majority vote in all cases and support the resulting decision.
7. To occasionally serve on committees or organizations for the purpose of reciprocal communication and reporting back to the Board. Committee assignments will be assigned by the Board Chair with approval of the Board.

8. To represent the board and the Raymond schools to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
9. To refer complaints to the proper school authorities and to abstain from individual counsel and action.
10. Each member is obligated to attend Board meetings regularly. ~~Whenever possible,~~ **Except in an emergency,** each Board member shall give advance notice to the Chairperson or Superintendent of his/her inability to attend a Board meeting.

*Statutory-Regulatory References:*

*RSA 671:4*

*N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-Section Ed. 303.01*

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