

Bylaws of the Board

PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The Governing Board recognizes the rights of Board members to freely express their views and encourages open discussion of issues during the Board meeting. The Board believes that effective Board members have a responsibility to express themselves, whether in agreement or disagreement with the Board majority, in ways that promote the Board's ability to govern the District.

When speaking to community groups, the media, or other members of the public, individual Board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the Board. Board members have a responsibility to identify personal viewpoints as such and not as the viewpoint of the Board.

To ensure communication of a consistent, unified message regarding district issues, board members are expected to respect the authority of the Board to choose its representatives to communicate its positions and to abide by established protocols.

When speaking for district, the Board encourages the spokesperson to exercise restraint and tact and to communicate the message in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Board's leadership.

The Board encourages members who participate on social networking sites, blogs, or other discussions or informational sites to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community. Such electronic communications are subject to the same standards and protocols established for other forms of communication, and the disclosure requirement of California Public Records Act (CPRA) may likewise apply to them.

All public statements authorized to be made on behalf of the Board shall be made by the Board president or, if appropriate, by the Superintendent or other designated representative.

(cf. 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential/Privileged Information)
(cf. 9200 – Limits of Board Member Authority)

Legal Reference:

EDUCATION CODE

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

GOVERNMENT CODE

54960 Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions

Bylaw CHULA VISTA ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DISTRICT

Adopted: 8/16/1994 Chula Vista, California

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