

**PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Before voting on any issue, all School Board members shall be encouraged to present whatever evidence they may feel important to the matter at hand. The School Board shall fully consider the implications and relevancy of all information so presented. All opinions, reactions and positions shall be openly discussed, so that each member may understand all aspects of the issue before the School Board to make its decision. Any School Board member who may wish to criticize or oppose any specific School Board action should do so during the School Board meeting.

Once a School Board decision has been reached, all School Board members shall abide by that decision until it is amended or rescinded by subsequent School Board action. When School Board members express their opinions outside of the School Board meeting, it is their responsibility to respect the democratic nature of School Board decision making and always identify personal viewpoints as such.

Public statements in the name of the School Board shall be issued by the School Board president or, if appropriate, by the Superintendent or designee at the direction of the School Board president.

*CF: Board Policy 7125, Duties of Individual Board Members*

Adoption Date:	October 3, 1988
Revised in Consultation with Legal Counsel:	March 10, 2003
Revised & Renumbered:	April 18, 2011
Reviewed:	October 19, 2015
Revised:	June 17, 2019
Reviewed:	February 28, 2022

---