SCHOOL BOARD LEGAL STATUS

The Board of Education is a nine-member Board elected by District residents. Each member of the Board serves for three years. The terms of office of one-third of the members shall expire annually.

The legal status of the Board is that of a corporate body established pursuant to the laws of New York State. Any liability of the District is a liability of the Board of Education as a corporation and not that of the members of the Board as individuals.

Members of the Board of Education have legal authority for the conduct of the District schools only when acting as a body in a properly convened session. Board members acting as individuals have no authority over personnel or school affairs.

A quorum shall consist of no less than five members. Procedural matters that require a formal vote, such as to accept the agenda or to adjourn a meeting may be passed by a majority vote of the members present. All other decisions of the Board shall require a majority (or five votes) of all members of the Board, except where a two-thirds majority (or six votes) is required by law, and for all those parliamentary procedure motions requiring a two-thirds vote.

The Board will not be bound in any way by any individual's statement or action unless the Board, through an adopted policy or by a majority vote of Board membership, has delegated this authority to the individual member.

The Board is entrusted with the responsibility of developing policies under which the District is managed. In addition, the Board has all the powers and duties stated in the Education Law and other applicable New York State law.

Complete and final authority on all District educational matters, except as restricted by law, will be vested in the Board.

Ref: Education Law §§1604; 1604-a; 1701; 1702; 1703; 1708; 1709; 1710
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