

VENTURA COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION

BOARD POLICY NO. 9200

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CLASSIFICATION: Board Bylaws

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SUBJECT: Limits of Board Member Authority

The County Board of Education recognizes that it has authority as a unit and that a County Board member has no individual authority. County Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the County Board as a whole, individual members of the County Board shall not exercise any authority with respect to any matter within the jurisdiction of the County Board. In appropriate circumstances individual County Board members may independently submit requests for information to the secretary of the County Board.

Individual County Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any County Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the County Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate process. For the purpose of requesting information, County Board members shall also refer County Board-related correspondence to the president and the secretary of the County Board for dissemination to the rest of the County Board or placement on the agenda, as appropriate.

A County Board member whose child is attending a VCOE school should be aware of their role as a County Board member when interacting with VCOE employees about their child. The County Board member should inform the County Superintendent before volunteering in their child's classroom.

Legal References:

EDUCATION CODE

200-262.4 Educational equity; prohibition of discrimination on the basis of sex
35292 Visits to schools (Board members)
51101 Rights of parents/guardians
7054 Use of district property; campaign purposes

GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54963 The Ralph M. Brown Act
54952.1 Member of a legislative body of a local agency
54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

Management Resources

CSBA Publication CSBA Professional Governance Standards, 2000
Website CSBA