

## **AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF BOARD MEMBERS**

### **Authority**

The Board of Education is a legal entity, and Board members have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. An individual Board member has no legal authority or power to act for or to commit the Board, except when performing duties expressly and specifically authorized by the Board. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual Board member or employee except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from or authorization by the Board. Board members should not disclose confidential information.

Board members are without authority, except where specifically noted in the Ohio Revised Code or the policies of the Board, to direct any Board employee to perform any service or to take any action related directly or indirectly to the operation of the schools. The Board, in an official meeting and upon the recorded vote of a majority of the members present, may give direction to employees and/or require the performance of specific school related tasks.

The Board of Education shall concern itself primarily with broad questions of policy rather than with administrative details. The application of policies is an administrative task to be performed by the Superintendent and his/her staff, who shall be held responsible for the effective administration and supervision of the entire school system. Board members should refer individuals having questions and/or complaints directly to the appropriate administrator.

### **Responsibilities**

Board members are responsible to the people of the School District by whom they were elected and to the State of Ohio. Members of the Board are responsible for upholding the laws and the Constitution of the United States of America and the State of Ohio, and for implementing the regulations of the State Board of Education.