BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY AND LIMITATION

Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have complete authority, within state law, over school affairs only when they are assembled as a legal body.

The board is, in practice, primarily a policy-making body. Although legally authorized to administer policy, the board delegates this function to the superintendent of schools.

The decisions and actions of a single member of the board cannot be binding on the entire board. The board must exercise its powers and duties only in properly called meetings where a majority of the board constitutes a quorum.

The decision of the board shall be binding until rescinded by the board at a duly called regular or special meeting.

The school board does not exist between meetings. Board members have no authority except at board meetings or when discharging an assignment made by the board. Parental inquiries shall be referred through appropriate channels.

Statutory-Regulatory References:
RSA 671:4
N.H. Code of Administrative Rules-Section Ed. 303

ADOPTION: October 1994