

## **PUBLIC STATEMENTS**

Before voting on any issue, all Board members shall be encouraged to present whatever evidence they may feel important to the matter at hand. The 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 Board makes its decision. Any Board member who may wish to criticize or oppose any specific Board action should do so during the Board meeting.

Once a Board decision has been reached, all Board members shall abide by that decision until it is amended or rescinded by subsequent Board action.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

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

*(cf. 9011 – Disclosure of Confidential Information)*

*(cf. 9012 – Communications To and From the Board)*

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