

# POLICY

## OLD BRIDGE BOARD OF EDUCATION

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### LIMITATION OF RESPONSIBILITIES OF INDIVIDUAL BOARD MEMBERS

#### MEMBERS

The Superintendent, all administrators, and all other personnel of the district are responsible to the Board as an entity. It is understood that the members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instruction from the Board.

No Board member, by virtue of his or her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

Board members, however, as will all legislators, are entitled to full information and all data necessary, in their judgment, to the proper casting of their votes on any matter that can come before the Board for action. Administrative duties will be delegated to the Superintendent and staff; governing powers will be rigorously retained for action by the Board itself.

The Board member's right to full information extends to the duty to listen to complaints that citizens bring to them, but not to solicit such complaints. This right and duty to listen does not convey any right or duty to make any comment whatsoever in response to such complaint, except to request a reduction of the same to writing and/or to indicate that it will be conveyed to the Superintendent as he or she, not the Board member, has the authority to act.

Individual Board members being recipient of citizens' comments, petitions, or complaints serious enough to warrant, or by their nature such as to warrant, action by the Board as a whole, should normally request the same to be reduced to writing and transmitted to the district office for inclusion of the agenda.

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