

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF MAYVILLE

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BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY/RESPONSIBILITIES

Responsibility for the operation of the schools is vested in the Board of Education, not in its individual members. The capabilities of individual members will, however, determine the effectiveness of the Board. An organization is no stronger than its individual members.

The Board exists only when its individual members are meeting together in legal session. All business of the Board shall be transacted at these legally constituted Board meetings. Individual Board members or groups of Board members shall not speak for the Board nor make any commitments on behalf of the Board, unless directed to do so by the Board.

Duties and responsibilities of individual Board members are as follows:

- a. Board members are elected representatives of the citizens of the School District of Mayville and are expected to attend all regular, special and committee meetings and to be prepared to discuss and/or act on agenda items. Members who miss too many meetings will be sent a letter of reprimand and asked to attend meetings. The Board may ask a member to resign if after receiving a letter of reprimand the Board member fails to attend meetings on a regular basis.
- b. Board members are expected to familiarize themselves with state school laws, regulations of the State Department of Education and District policies, rules and regulations. They should always act in conformity with these documents and in good faith.
- c. Board members should have a general knowledge of the educational aims and objectives of the school system. Decisions should always be made on the basis of what is best for all the children of all the people in the District.
- d. Board members should look at educational problems on a District-wide basis and work toward the best educational program for the community, state and nation. School board members are community servants rather than representatives of a particular area or faction.
- e. Board members should work harmoniously with other Board members without trying either to dominate the Board or neglect a share of the work.

- f. Board members should vote and act in the Board meetings impartially for the good of the School District of Mayville. Board members should use insight and foresight to look to the future, as well as the present, and make decisions accordingly.
- g. Board members are to represent the Board and the School District of Mayville to the public in such a way as to promote both interest and support.
- h. Board members should study the reports of the District Administrator and other members of the professional staff.
- i. Board members should obtain and study reports of local community surveys or planning commissions and enlist the help of citizens' advisory committees on current problems.
- j. Board members should refer complaints to the proper school administrator and abstain from individual counsel and action.
- k. Board members should be interested in public service, not personal gain. They should be free to act in the best interest of the schools without fear of conflict with any other interest.

LEGAL REF.: Section 19.59 Wisconsin Statutes

CROSS REF.: 131.1, Board Member Qualifications
150, Board Powers and Duties
152, Board Member Self-Evaluation
162, Board Member Orientation
163, Board Development Opportunities

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Signatures of School Board Members: _____

