

BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY

It is understood that the members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board which is legally in session. The Board will not be bound in any manner by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board member except when such statement or action is in accordance with the specific instructions of the Board.

The individual participation of Board members will take place in scheduled Board and committee meetings. The method of participation at these meetings is through discussion, deliberation, debate and voting.

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

Nothing in this policy prohibits or restricts a board member from exercising the rights granted to the board member as a citizen of the School District of Colby.

School Board members will respect relationships with other board members:

- a. By recognizing that authority rests only with the board in official meeting, and that the individual member has no legal status to bind the Board outside of such meetings.
- b. By refusing to make statements or promises as to how the board member will vote on any proposal which should properly be submitted to the entire Board before there has been a Board meeting and discussion of the issue.
- c. By making decisions only after all facts bearing on the issue have been presented and discussed.
- d. By respecting the opinion of others and by graciously conforming to the principle of majority rule once a decision is made and to promote the implementation of that decision.

LEGAL REFERENCE: Wisconsin Stats. 120.12, 120.13

CROSS REFERENCE: Policy #870 – Public Complaints