

# LODI UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

## Bylaw 9200

### Bylaws of the Board

#### **Limits of Board Member Authority**

The Board of Education recognizes that the Board is the unit of authority over the district and that a Board member has no individual authority. Board members shall hold the education of students above any partisan principle, group interest, or personal interest.

Unless agreed to by the Board as a whole, individual members of the Board shall not exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or command the services of any school employee. At his/her discretion, the Superintendent may refer the request to the entire Board for consideration. Board members shall refer Board-related correspondence to the Superintendent for forwarding to the Board or for placement on the Board's agenda, as appropriate.

#### **Complaint Process**

Individual Board members do not have the authority to resolve complaints. Any Board member approached directly by a person with a complaint should refer the complainant to the Superintendent or designee so that the problem may receive proper consideration and be handled through the appropriate district process.

The Superintendent or designee shall provide a copy of the state's open meeting laws (The Brown Act) to each Board member and to anyone who is elected to the Board but has not yet assumed office.

Board members and persons elected to the Board who have not yet assumed office are responsible for complying with the requirements of The Brown Act.

Legal Reference:     Education Code  
200-262.4 Prohibition of discrimination  
7054 Use of district property  
35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules  
35100-35351 Governing boards - esp.  
35160-35184 Powers and duties  
35230-35240 Corrupt practices  
35291 Rules  
35292 Visits to schools (Board members)  
51101 Rights of parents/guardians

Management Resources:  
CSBA Publications

CSBA Professional Governance Standards 2000  
Maximizing School Board Leadership: "Boardsmanship," 1996  
WEB SITES:  
CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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