

**Corporate Nature of the Board of Education**

**The Board exists only as a body corporate in session. Members of the Board shall have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of an individual member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instruction of the Board.**

**The primary functions of the Board are to establish policies for the operation of the schools and to generally oversee that these policies are carried out. The responsibility for carrying out policies adopted by the Board is vested in the Superintendent or his/her designee. ALL DIRECTIVES FOR ACTION TO THE SUPERINTENDENT SHALL BE GIVEN BY THE BOARD ACTING IN OFFICIAL MEETINGS. No member of the Board including the Chair may individually give orders or directive to the Superintendent or any other school personnel, except as expressly authorized by the Board. Requests for information, materials and suggestions by individual Board members should be channeled through the Superintendent.**

**The Board meeting is the only legal forum for determining school policies and programs. Board members cannot function officially as individuals in determining these matters.**

**The Board has no authority to transact business except at regular or special meetings and then only when a quorum is present. Statements or promises made by individual Board members have no binding effect on the Board unless the Board expressly authorizes them.**

**LEGAL REF.: G.S. 115C-40; 115C-41**

**CROSS REF.: Board Policy 1-22, School Superintendent**

**UNION COUNTY BOARD OF EDUCATION**

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