

SCOPE OF AUTHORITY OF MEMBERS

Members of the Solano County Board of Education shall have authority only when acting as a Board in regular or special session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual Board Member or employee except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions by the Board. (California Constitution, Article IX, section 3.3)

The Board recognizes the rights of its members to freely express their views and encourages open discussion of issues during the Board meetings in a respectful manner and in ways that support the Solano County Office of Education's programs and services. It is important to remember that Board members are ambassadors for the Solano County Office of Education in all their actions and correspondence.

When communicating with community groups, the media, and members of the public, including posting on social media, individual Board members should recognize that their statements may be perceived as reflecting the views and positions of the Board. Board members have a responsibility to identify personal viewpoints as such and not as the viewpoint of the Board.

All public statements authorized to be made on behalf of the Board shall be made by the Board president or, if appropriate, by the County Superintendent of Schools or other designated representative.

The Solano County Office of Education makes electronic information services available to Board members so they may be conveniently contacted by constituents. Access to electronic information resources is achieved and coordinated through a complex association of government agencies, regional, state, and local networks. The smooth operation of the network relies upon the proper conduct of the users. The e-mail system is designed for official use in accordance with the Brown Act (See Ralph M. Brown Act, [Government Code § 54950](#) *et seq.*), and any information that is not of an official nature is to be avoided.