

COMMITTEE MEMBER AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The committee has the authority to act only when a quorum is present at a duly called regular, special, or emergency meeting. An individual meeting member exercises the authority and responsibility of his or her position only when the committee is in legal session. The committee will not be bound in any way by any statement or action on the part of any individual committee member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of special instructions (authorization) of the committee.

The public has a right to expect a member to be able to discuss school matters with understanding, and a committee member has a right to expect access to information, which makes it possible for *him/her* to be informed about school affairs. It is the right of each committee member to request information on school topics from the superintendent.

Questions, requests, complaints, and other information presented to individual committee members outside of formal meeting times by members of the public should be referred to the proper school employee, or if not known, to the superintendent. The committee member is encouraged to follow through with the individual to determine if that person's concern was properly processed.

Each school committee member shall support the SCHOOL BOARD CODE OF ETHICS as adopted or revised by the Maine School Board Association. See Code: BCA

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