

**SPRINGFIELD PUBLIC SCHOOLS
Springfield, New Jersey 07081**

PUBLIC STATEMENTS BY BOARD MEMBERS

All public statements in the name of the Springfield Board of Education shall be issued by the Board President; or if appropriate, by the superintendent at the direction of the Board President. Only the Board President shall authorize or make statements of official Board positions.

In accordance with Board Bylaw 9271, Board Member Code of Ethics, no Board member shall make public statements that contravene the policies and actions of the Board or that jeopardize the ability of the Board to act effectively. No individual Board member (except the President) shall speak for or in the name of, the total Board unless by explicit direction of the Board. Board members should emphasize to the media that they can only speak as private citizens unless empowered by the Board to speak for it, when asked to speak as a Board member.

Legal References:

N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1 General mandatory powers and duties
N.J.S.A. 18A:42-4 Campaign literature
N.J.S.A. 18:A-54-20 Powers of the Board (county vocational schools)

Cross References:

1100 Communicating with the public
1110 Media
9010 Role of the Board Member
9271 School Board Member Code of Ethics

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