

**BY-LAW**

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**ROLE OF THE MEMBER**

It is understood that the members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board member except when such statement or action is in pursuance of specific instructions from the Board.

Members of the Board shall adhere to the Code of Ethics for board members in bylaw 9271, as well as New Jersey School Ethics Act, N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 *et seq.*

No Board member, by virtue of his/her office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools or as an individual command the services of any school employee.

Board members visiting the schools for any reason shall observe district regulations for all visitors.

**Release of Information**

Board member access to public, personnel, and pupil records shall be governed by law and by the provisions of Board policies and procedures concerning access to such records.

Confidential information to which a Board member becomes privy as a result of his/her office shall be used only for the purpose of helping the member discharge his/her responsibilities as Board member. No Board member shall reveal information contained in a confidential record or received during a duly convened private session of the Board except when that information has been released to the public by the Board.

Date: February 23, 2009

<b><u>Legal References:</u></b>	N.J.S.A. 18A:11-1	General mandatory powers and duties
	N.J.S.A. 18A:12-21 et seq.	School Ethics Act
	N.J.S.A. 18A:54-20	Powers of board (county vocational schools)
	N.J.A.C. 6A:28-1.1 et seq.	School Ethics Commission

**Possible**

<b><u>Cross References:</u></b>	1250	Visitors
	3570	District Records and Reports

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**File Code: 9010**

4112.6	Personnel Records
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5125	Student Records
9020	Public statements
9271	Code of ethics