

# Board Bylaw

BB 9010

## PUBLIC STATEMENTS

The Governing Board recognizes the responsibility of Board members in their role as community leaders to participate in public discourse on matters of civic or community interest, including those involving the district, and their right to freely express their personal views. However, to ensure communication of a consistent, unified message regarding district issues, Board members are expected to respect the authority of the Board to choose its representatives, to communicate its positions, and to abide by established protocols.¶

### Board Spokesperson

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

~~When speaking for the district, the Board encourages its spokespersons to~~designee, or by another representative as designated by the Board or Board president, with respect to a specific issue or topic.

~~When speaking for the Board, a spokesperson shall~~ exercise restraint and tact and ~~to~~ communicate the message in a manner that promotes public confidence in the Board's leadership.

Board spokespersons shall not disclose confidential information or information received in closed session except when authorized by a majority of the Board. ~~(Government Code 54963)~~¶

or by law. (Government Code 54963)

### Statements by Individual Board Members

When speaking to community groups, members of the public, or the 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.~~¶

~~In addition, the Board encourages members who participate on social networking sites, blogs, or other discussion or informational sites to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community. Such electronic communications are subject to the same standards and protocols established for other forms of communication, and the disclosure requirements of the California Public Records Act may likewise apply to them~~when a viewpoint is held by an individual Board member rather

than the Board as a whole. For example, a Board member may include a disclaimer on the Board member's personal social media account that the Board member is expressing personal viewpoints and not those of the Board or the district.

Board members who opt to express their opinions on district matters, whether in-person or online, are expected to conduct themselves in a respectful, courteous, and professional manner and to model good behavior for district students and the community.

PERRIS UNION HIGH SCHOOL DISTRICT  
Perris, California

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