

Limits of Authority

The Bethany Board of Education's statutory authority is to be exercised collectively by Board of Education members in public meetings of the Board and in committee meetings. Except for specific responsibilities of the Board officers as set forth in the bylaws, individual members of the Board have no individual authority in the District school, unless carrying out an assignment specifically authorized at a meeting of the Board, but exercise governance as part of the entire Board of Education or of a specifically authorized committee working under specific committee charges from the Board.

Elected Members of the Board of Education

Members of the Bethany Board of Education are expected to represent and balance the educational interests of students in the public school, District citizens, and the State of Connecticut through:

1. advocacy for appropriate education opportunities for district students;
2. regular attendance at Board meetings;
3. participation in meeting discussions on issues before the Board;
4. suggesting agenda topics to the Board of Education Chairperson or the Superintendent of Schools;
5. regular attendance and fulfilling responsibilities on committees to which they are appointed;
6. becoming knowledgeable about Board authority, constraints and procedures;
7. becoming informed about the local school and their educational programs and activities;
8. representing the community as part of a representative democratic governmental body;
9. understanding and following Board of Education policy.

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