



## **Chico Unified School District**

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**Board Bylaws:**

**#9200**

**Section: Bylaws of the Board**

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### **LIMITS OF BOARD MEMBER AUTHORITY**

The Board of Education has broad but clearly limited powers. The exercise of its authority is restricted to the functions required or permitted by law, and then only when it acts in a legally constituted meeting.

The Board is the unit of authority. Apart from the normal function as part of the unit, the Board member has no individual authority. Individually, the Board member may not commit the district to any policy, act or expenditure. The Board member cannot do business with the district served, nor should the Board member have an interest in any contract with the School District in general. The Board member does not represent any factional segment of the community, but is rather a part of the body which represents and acts for the community as a whole.

No individual member of the Board, by virtue of holding office, shall exercise any administrative responsibility with respect to the schools; nor, as an individual, command the services of any school employee.

No Board member shall become an employee of his/her district while serving on the Board.

### **Obligations of Members**

Members of the Board must endeavor to attend all meetings, study all materials presented with the agenda prior to attending the meeting, participate in the discussion of any items which come before the Board, and vote on all motions and resolutions, abstaining only for compelling reasons.

#### *Legal Reference:*

##### EDUCATION CODE

7054 Use of district property

35010 Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules

35100-35351 Governing boards, especially:

35160-35184 Powers and duties

35291 Rules

35292 Visits to schools (Board members)

51101 Rights of parents/guardians

##### GOVERNMENT CODE

54950-54962 The Ralph M. Brown Act, especially:

54952.1 Member of a legislative body of a local agency

54952.7 Copies of chapter to members of legislative body

#### *Management Resources:*

##### CSBA PUBLICATIONS

*CSBA Professional Governance Standards, 2000*

*Maximizing School Board Leadership: Boardmanship, 1996*

##### WEB SITES

CSBA: <http://www.csba.org>

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