

INDIVIDUAL AUTHORITY

School districts of the public education system in Iowa are governed by an elected board of directors of the school corporation. The board operates as a corporate body, and only the board may make decisions regarding the education program and operations of the school district and to take action affecting the school district.

Individual board members exercise their authority as a board member when they vote to take action at a board meeting. Individual board members, alone, have no authority to make decisions or take action to affect the management of the school district. Without the consent of the board, an individual board member has no authority to act on behalf of the district or the board.

It shall be the responsibility of each board member and the superintendent to educate the public, the employees and the students of the limits of the board member's authority.

Legal Reference: School Dist. of Soldier Tp., Crawford Co. v. Moeller, 247 Iowa 239, 73 N.W.2d 43 (1955).
Beers v. Lasher, 209 Iowa 1158, 229 N.W. 821 (1930).
Andrew v. Stuart Savings Bank, 204 Iowa 570, 215 N.W. 807 (1927).
Iowa Code §§ 274.7; 279.8 (1993).

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