


Lincoln Charter School	Section B-2 Revised May 23, 2015
	Policy Manual

Board Member Authority

Powers of the Board are derived from state statute, School Charter and Bylaws, and granted in terms of action as a group. Individual Board members exercise authority over school affairs only as they take action at a legal meeting of the Board. An individual member, including the President, will have power to speak or act for the Board only when the Board, by vote, has delegated authority to him.

The Board will make its members, the school staff and the public aware that only the Board acting as a whole has the authority to take official action.

To assist Board members in fulfilling their public trust with dignity and mature leadership, the following guidelines will be followed:

1. If questioned by someone about a matter on which policy has been clearly defined, an individual Board member will answer based on policy;
2. If approached about a matter on which the Board has no established policy, an individual Board member will not commit himself/herself to any particular position or promise other than to discuss the matter with the Chief Administrator, Administrator or present it to the Board for consideration;
3. Individual Board members will refer all requests and complaints directly or indirectly relating to instruction, personnel or services to the Chief Administrator, Administrator or the Board's President.

This policy will be included as a part of the orientation of every new Board member.

