

# **BOARD BYLAW**

Placentia-Yorba Linda Unified School District

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Bylaws of the Board

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## **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, All public statements 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 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.

In the case of Board members speaking to community groups, the media, or other members of the public, 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.

### **LEGAL REFERENCE:**

<u>Education Code</u>	35010	Control of district; prescription and enforcement of rules
<u>Government Code</u>	6250-6270	California Public Records Act
	54960	Actions to stop or prevent violation of meeting provisions
	54963	Confidential information in closed session

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