Subject: Board of Education Authority

As a body created under the Education Law of New York State, the Board of Education of the Williamson Central School District has full authority, within the limitations of federal and state laws and the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education and interpretations of them, to carry out the will of the people of its District in matters of education.

In all cases where laws or regulations of the State Commissioner of Education do not provide, permit, or prohibit, the Board shall consider itself the agent responsible for establishing and appraising educational matters and activities.

Board members have no authority over school affairs as individuals. They have authority only when acting as a body duly called in session. Generally, school board members take official action only by majority vote at an official meeting. Unless the Board has taken official action to designate an individual member as the representative of the Board for a particular purpose, an individual Board member has no more authority than any other qualified voter in the District.

Education Law Sections 1701, 1804, 1805

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