

203.9 SCHOOL BOARD ACTION ON RESOLUTIONS

I. INTRODUCTION

The School Board Member Code of Ethics includes, among other provisions, the following:

That a school board member will “work through the administrative employees of the board – not over or around them” (I.G.)

- A. That a school board member, to maintain desirable relations with other members of the board, will “make decisions in board meetings only after all sides of debatable questions have been presented.” (III.E.)
- B. That a school board member, in working with the superintendent of schools and the staff, will “participate in school board action after considering the recommendation of the superintendent and only after the superintendent has furnished adequate information supporting the recommendations.” (V.D.)
- C. Minnesota Statutes Section 123.34, Subd. 9, designates the superintendent as an ex officio nonvoting member of the school board.

II. GENERAL STATEMENT OF POLICY

In view of the provisions of the School Board Member Code of Ethics and Minnesota Statutes, it shall be the policy of the School Board not to take action on any proposed resolution or motion without first obtaining the recommendation of the Superintendent. On routine and recurring matters the Superintendent may either waive making a recommendation or may delegate the making of a recommendation to another administrator.

This policy may be waived by the School Board in the event of emergency and if the Superintendent is not available to make a recommendation. The School Board also recognizes that, while it is important and desirable to consult with the Superintendent, the School Board is not bound to adopt the recommendations of the Superintendent or other administrators.