

## **Section B School Board Governance and Operations**

### **BBA Board Member Authority and Responsibilities**

The Cooperative Board of the Mid-Coast School of Technology/Region 8 represents the people of the sending schools in the communities comprising RSU 13 (Rockland, Owls Head, South Thomaston, Cushing and Thomaston), SAD 7 (North Haven), SAD 8 (Vinalhaven), Five Town CSD (Camden, Rockport, Appleton, Hope and Lincolnville), RSU 40 (Friendship, Waldoboro, Washington, Warren and Union), St. George and Islesboro.

The Cooperative Board has the authority to act only when a quorum (8 members with a total weighted vote of 501) is present at a regular or special Board meeting.

The individual Board members shall represent the best interests of all the sending schools. Board members shall conduct themselves in accordance with Region 8 attendance Policy BBBD and Region 8 code of conduct Policy BCA. They will suggest issues for Board consideration, keep informed on school matters, take part in Board deliberations, and vote independently as they choose. Members of the Board have authority only when acting as a Board legally in session. The Board shall not be bound in any way by any action or statement on the part of any individual Board Member except when such statement or action is pursuant to specific instructions from the Board.

All formal requests for information should be to the Director, but it is understood that certain informal lines of communication exist between the staff and Board members; this policy is not meant to interfere with this communication.

Board members should strive at all times to represent the Cooperative Board to the public in a professional manner. If questioned by someone about a matter on which policy has been clearly defined, an individual Board member should answer based on policy. If questioned about a matter on which the Board has not established policy, Board members should not commit themselves to any position but suggest such matters be taken to the Director.

Cross References: BBBD – Cooperative Board Attendance Policy  
BCA – Board Member Code of Ethics

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