

CAPISTRANO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
San Juan Capistrano, California

**RESOLUTION NO. 1819-28**  
**ROLE OF THE BOARD: POWERS AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

*WHEREAS*, the Board of Trustees is the educational policy-making body for the District. To effectively meet the District's challenges, the Board and Superintendent must function together as a leadership team. To ensure unity among team members, effective operating procedures, or protocols, must be in place. There are general protocols and those that are specific for the Board and for the Superintendent; and

*WHEREAS*, AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, I understand and accept as my primary responsibility the goal of providing the opportunity for each student to develop his/her unique abilities to the highest possible level. This goal is sought within the legal and financial framework imposed upon school districts by state and federal legislation. The educational welfare of students, therefore, shall be given first priority in any action taken as a Board member; and

*WHEREAS*, I will keep learning and achievement for each and every student as the primary focus; value, support, and advocate for public education; operate openly with trust and integrity; govern in a dignified and professional manner, treating everyone with civility, dignity, and respect, while honoring the right to disagree with each other; keep confidential matters confidential; uphold the legal requirement for confidentiality on all matters arising from Board meeting Executive Sessions; will keep all conversations taking place in Closed Session absolutely confidential; discuss public matters in publicly noticed Board meetings; focus on policy-making, planning, and evaluation for student success; ensure opportunities for the diverse range of views in the community to inform Board deliberations, and evaluate the District's performance; and

*WHEREAS*, I realize I am a member of a policy-making board which speaks as a body and, as such, I have limited authority outside official meetings of the Board. I am aware the success of Capistrano Unified School District's educational programs is dependent, in part, on my ability to work with my fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation despite differences of opinion among Trustees. A sense of loyalty to other Trustees and respect for Board decisions voted on by Board majority and cooperatively reached is, therefore, another consideration in my actions as an individual Trustee.

*THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED*, AS A SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER, I will strive to make decisions based upon providing the best educational opportunities for students of Capistrano Unified School District within the guidelines of state and federal legislation, coupled with the expressed views of local citizenry.

It shall be the responsibility of the Superintendent, in her preparation of the agenda for the annual organizational meeting, to provide for readoption of this Resolution by the Board of Trustees.

PASSED AND ADOPTED, on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of December 2018, by the Board of Trustees of the Capistrano Unified School District.

Ayes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Noes: \_\_\_\_\_  
Absent: \_\_\_\_\_

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Secretary, Board of Trustees