

Southwestern Oregon Community College

BP 2720 Communications Among Board of Education Members

Purpose

To establish and identify communication channels between members of the Board of Education.

Statement

A quorum of members of the Board of Education shall not communicate among themselves by the use of any form of communication (e.g., personal intermediaries, e-mail, or other technological device) in order to reach a collective concurrence regarding any item that is within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board of Education. In addition, Board of Education members may not use a series of communications by any means or through any person to discuss, deliberate, or take action on any item of business within the subject matter jurisdiction of the Board.

The Board of Education may take action on matters before it only in public at a regular, special, or emergency meeting, except in those instances where action is permitted by law in executive session. The authority of the Board of Education may be exercised only as a Board and only at such meetings or closed sessions as are duly and legally constituted. Individual members acting in their individual capacities have no authority to commit the Board of Education or the President to any policy determination or course of action.

Communications between or among Board of Education members that are purely factual or educational in nature, and that convey no deliberation or decision on any matter that may come before the Board; or are not related to any matter than could reasonable be foreseen to come before the Board are permitted. In addition, communications that are nonsubstantive in nature, such as communication related to scheduling, leaves or absence, and other similar matters are also allowed.

References:

ORS 192.610 to ORS 192.690, ORS 341.283(5)

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