MANSON SCHOOL DISTRICT
BOARD POLICY

POLICY TYPE: GOVERNANCE PROCESS #2d

POLICY TITLE: **BOARD CHAIR'S ROLE**

The Board Chair, a specially empowered member of the Board, assures the integrity of the Board's process and, secondarily, represents the Board to outside parties.

Accordingly:
1. The assigned result of the Board Chair's job is that the Board's conduct be consistent with its own rules and those legitimately imposed upon it from outside the District;
    a. Meeting discussion content will be on those issues which, according to Board policy, clearly belong to the Board to decide or to monitor.
    b. Information that is for neither monitoring performance nor Board decisions will be avoided or minimized and always noted as such.
    c. Deliberation will be fair, open, and thorough, but also timely, orderly, and kept to the point.

2. The authority of the Board Chair consists in making decisions that fall within topics covered by Board policies on Governance Process and Board Superintendent Linkage, with the exception of:
    a. employment or termination of a Superintendent and; and
    b. where the Board specifically delegates portions of this authority to others.

    The Board Chair is authorized to use any reasonable interpretation of the provisions in these policies:
    a. The Board Chair is empowered to conduct Board meetings with all the commonly accepted power of that position, such as ruling and recognizing;
    b. The Board Chair has no authority to make decisions about policies created by the Board within Ends and Executive Limitations policy areas. Therefore, the Board Chair has no authority to supervise or direct the Superintendent;
    c. The Board Chair may represent the Board to outside parties in announcing Board-stated positions and in stating chair decisions and interpretations within the area delegated to the Board Chair; and
    d. The Board Chair may delegate this authority, but remains accountable for its use.
    e. Establish monthly board working agenda with vice-president.