

LIABILITY OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS*Adoption Date: 3/11/08**Revision Date: 1/7/97, 8/25/97, 2/26/08**Page 1 of 1*

School board members may be held personally liable for the acts of the board if it intentionally exceeds its authority and the action is not in good faith. Board members may not willfully or knowingly make any contract for, incur, acknowledge, approve, allow, or authorize any indebtedness against the school district or authorize it to be done by others, in excess of the estimate made and approved by the excise board for such purpose for the current fiscal year, or in excess of the specific amount authorized for such purpose by a bond issue.

As a rule, the members of school boards are not liable for failure of the school board to perform its legal obligation, since no one member can make decisions for the board. Members of a school board are not usually personally liable for the fulfilling of legal contracts made by the board. The liability, if any, is that of the school district.

**REFERENCE: 70 O.S. §5-125
HB 2032 (62 O.S. §479, §480)**