

BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

Board members will strive to improve public education, and to that end will:

- Attend all Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Recognize that decisions should be made only after discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special-interest groups;
- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
- Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent;
- Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;
- Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations;
- Support the employment of persons best qualified to serve as school staff members, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all personnel;
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using their Board position for personal or partisan gain;
- Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and
- Remember always that a Board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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