

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

Each board member shall comply with the following ethical provisions:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session.
3. Recognize that no individual member has authority to speak or act for the entire board, except as specifically designated to do so by board action.
4. Work respectfully with other board members to achieve the educational goals of the school district by encouraging the free expression of opinions by all board members.
5. 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 board associations.
6. Make decisions only after full discussion at public board meetings; render all decisions based on the available facts and by independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
7. Engage in and maintain open communication with students, parents/guardians, staff, and members of the community.
8. Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs.
9. Support the employment of those best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
10. Recognize that final board actions will be supported by all members of the board; take no private action that will compromise the board or administration; and refrain from private actions which undermine or compromise official board action.
11. Display and demonstrate courtesy and decorum toward fellow board members at all public meetings and in all public statements.

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