

Bylaws of the Board

Code of Ethics

As a member of my local Board of Education, I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
4. 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;
5. Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent;
6. Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;
7. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information such as those sponsored by my state and National School Board Associations;
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;
10. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools;
11. Maintain confidentiality of privileged information; and
12. Recognize that the strength of a school board is as a board, not as individuals.