

## **BOARD MEMBER ETHICS**

Each Board member shall comply with the following ethical provisions:

1. Attend a minimum of (6) regularly scheduled Board meetings and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Make decisions only after a complete discussion at public 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.
3. Seek systematic communications with students, staff, and community members.
4. Work respectfully with other Board members to achieve the school's educational goals by encouraging the free expression of opinions by all Board members.
5. Communicate to other Board members and the Executive Director expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
6. Be informed about current educational issues through individual study and participation in programs that provide needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school board associations.
7. Support the employment of those best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
8. Respect the confidentiality of privileged information under applicable law or received in confidence or executive session.
9. Recognize that no individual member has the authority to speak or act for the entire Board, except as specifically designated to do so by Board action.
10. Recognize that all members of the Board will support final Board actions: take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and refrain from private actions that 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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