

School Board Member Ethics

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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 insofar 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 own 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 education issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the 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 Board position for personal or partisan gain.
10. Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged.
11. Remember, always, that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

Reference: NSBA Code of Ethics
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