

SCHOOL BOARD GOVERNANCE AND OPERATIONS

CODE: BCA
POLICY

SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

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

- Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my own independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals of special interest groups;
- Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board, 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;
- 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 Boards Association.
- Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all staff;
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using 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;
- Remember, always, that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

NEW POLICY

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