

The Board of Education considers its members to be trustees of public education and will do its best to protect, conserve and advance it, giving to the children of the community the educational opportunities that are as complete and adequate as it is possible to provide.

Board of Education members should:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Recognize the primary function of the board is to establish the policies by which the district is to be administered. It shall delegate authority for administration of the district to the district administrator.
3. Listen, respect the opinions of others, and recognize the integrity of their predecessors.
4. Be motivated only by an earnest desire to serve the school district and the children of the community in the best way possible and not use the district or any part of its programs for their own personal advantage or for the advantage of their friends or supporters.
5. Expect to spend more time on educational programs and procedures than on business details.
6. Recognize that authority rests with the board in legal session, and not with individual members of the board, except as authorized by law.
7. Remain independent, impartial, and fair in judgment and actions pledging fair and equal treatment of all persons, claims, and transactions coming before the board.
8. Make no disparaging remarks, in or out of the board meetings, about the other members of the board or their opinions.
9. Express honest, thoughtful opinions frankly and openly in board meetings, in an effort to have all discussion in the best interest of the children of the district.
10. Ensure all public deliberations and processes are conducted openly, unless legally confidential, in an atmosphere of respect and civility.
11. Conform to majority rule and promote implementation once a decision has been made.
12. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws and take no private action that will compromise the board, administrators, staff or students.
13. Endeavor to keep informed on all local, state, and national educational developments of significance so that they become better board members.
14. Promote effective board service by maintaining a professional decorum, maintaining a sense of humor, and seeking first to understand and then to be understood.

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