

Canby School District 86

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Board Member Standards of Conduct

Individual Board members and the Board as a public entity must comply with the ethics laws for public officials provided in state law.

Board members shall treat the superintendent, district staff, members of the public and each other with dignity and courtesy and shall provide an opportunity for all parties to be heard with due respect for their opinions.

Board members shall recognize the superintendent as the executive officer to whom the Board has delegated administrative authority to establish regulations and oversee the implementation of Board policy.

A Board member has the right to express personal opinions. When expressing such opinions in public, the Board member should clearly identify the opinions as his/her own.

When dealing with confidential information gained through association with the district, a Board member shall respect confidentiality.

A Board member will keep information discussed in executive session confidential.

A Board member should:

1. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis;
2. Understand that the Board makes decisions as a team; individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
3. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ from theirs;
4. Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;
5. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
6. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administration office;
7. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
8. Insist that all Board and district business is ethical and honest;

9. Be open, fair and honest, with no hidden agendas;
10. Understand that confidential information will be received which cannot be shared;
11. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering his/her evaluation, contract or salary;
12. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendation(s);
13. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
14. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;
15. Present personal criticism of school operations to the superintendent, not to school staff or to a Board meeting;
16. Respect the right of the public to attend and be heard at Board meetings;
17. Respect the right of the public to be informed about school decisions and school operations;
18. Use social media websites judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon's Public Meeting Laws;
19. When using social media websites, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect; and
20. Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any websites.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015 to -162.035](#)
[ORS 162.405 to -162.425](#)

[ORS 192.610 to -192.710](#)
[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS Chapter 244](#)
[ORS 332.055](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflict of Interest
GBI - Gifts and Solicitation