

Board Member Standards of Conduct

A Board member should:

1. Comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law;
2. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
3. Respect the right of the public to attend and be heard at Board meetings;
4. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and district operations as allowed by law;
5. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering the superintendent's evaluation, contract, or salary;
6. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
7. Work from open, agreed-upon agendas with time to gather information and reflect on issues;
8. Actively pursue opportunities to give and receive feedback regarding Board member performance as responsible communicators;
9. Communicate openly and honestly;
10. Resolve issues directly with one another;
11. Respect differences and listen with positive intent;
12. Listen well;

13. Support the will of the majority.

Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)

[ORS 162.405 - 162.425](#)

[ORS 192.630](#)

[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS 244.120](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest

GBI - Gifts and Solicitations