

Cove School District 15

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Board Member Standards of Conduct

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

Board members will recognize the superintendent as the chief 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 personal.

A Board member will respect the privacy rights of individuals when dealing with confidential information gained through association with the district.

Individual Board members and the Board as a public entity must comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law.

A Board member shall:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment;
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. Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school boards associations;
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using the 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 under applicable law;
11. Remember always that the first and greatest concern of a Board member must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools;
12. Use social media websites judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon's Public Meetings Laws;
13. When using social media websites, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect;
14. Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any websites.

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