

# Grant County Education Service District

Code: **BBF**  
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## Board Member Standards of Conduct

The Board subscribes to the following code:

A Board member should:

1. As an individual Board member and as a part of the Board as a public entity comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law;
2. Understand that his/her function is “policy making” and not “administrative”;
3. Respect the rights of school patrons to be heard at official meetings;
4. Recognize that authority rests only with the Board in official meetings;
5. Recognize that he/she has no legal status to act for the Board outside of official meetings unless designated by the Board;
6. Refuse to make commitments on any matter which should properly come before the Board as a whole;
7. Make decisions only after all available facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed;
8. Respect the opinion of others and graciously accept the principle of “majority rule” in Board decisions;
9. Recognize the superintendent should have full administrative authority for properly discharging his/her professional duties within limits of established Board policy;
10. Act only after hearing the recommendations of the superintendent in matters of employment or dismissal of district personnel at an official meeting;
11. Recognize that the superintendent is the education advisor to the Board and should be present at all meetings of the Board;
12. Refer all complaints or problems to the administrative office and discuss them only at a regular meeting after failure of administrative solution;
13. Present personal criticisms of any district operation directly to the superintendent rather than to other personnel;

14. Insist that all district business transactions be on an ethical and above Board basis;
15. Refuse to use his/her position on a Board in any way, whatsoever, for personal gain or for personal prestige;
16. Refuse to bring personal problems into Board considerations;
17. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled professional personnel.

END OF POLICY

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**Legal Reference(s):**

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)  
[ORS 162.405 - 162.425](#)  
[ORS 192.630](#)  
[ORS 244.040](#)  
[ORS 244.120](#)  
[ORS 334.095](#)  
[ORS 334.100](#)

**Cross Reference(s):**

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest