

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

Code: **BBF**
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Orig. Code(s): BBF

Board Member Standards of Conduct

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. Be open, fair and honest – no hidden agendas;
4. Respect the rights of the public to attend, observe and be heard at official meetings;
5. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;
6. Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
7. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
8. Make decisions only after all available facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed;
9. Respect the opinion of others and graciously accept the principal of “majority rule” in Board decisions;
10. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
11. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board’s adviser and act only after hearing the recommendations of the superintendent;
12. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
13. Present personal criticism of any school operation directly to the superintendent, when appropriate, rather than to school personnel;
14. Insist that all school business transactions be on an ethical and honest basis;

15. Comply with the ethics laws for public officials provided in state law;
16. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
17. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled professional personnel.
18. Use social media websites judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon’s Public Meetings Laws;
19. When using social media websites, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect;
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 192.630](#)
[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS 244.120](#)
[ORS 332.055](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest
GBI - Gifts and Solicitations