

North Powder School District 8J

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

A Board member should:

1. Comply with ethics laws for public officials;
2. 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;
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 administrative 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 — no hidden agendas;
10. Understand that Board members will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
11. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's adviser;
12. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;
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 district operations to the superintendent, when appropriate, not to district staff;

16. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
17. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;
18. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
19. Use electronic media judiciously in a manner that does not violate Oregon's Public Meetings Laws;
20. When using social media websites, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect;
21. Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any websites or social media applications.

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 Chapter 244](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest