

Board Member Standards of Conduct

As a member of my local school board, I will strive to improve public education and to that end I will:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Recognize that I must make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
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. Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my 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 my 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 my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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 244.040](#)

[ORS Chapter 244](#)
[ORS 332.055](#)

Cross Reference(s):

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