North Wasco County
School District 21

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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:

- Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Recognize that I must make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- 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;
- Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
- Communicate to other Board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;
- 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;
- Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;
- Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
- 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 - 162.035
ORS 162.405 - 162.425
ORS 192.630
ORS 244.040
ORS 244.120
ORS 332.055

Code of Ethics for School Board Members, National School Boards Association (1975).