

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

While serving as a member of my Board of Education, I accept the responsibility to improve public education. To that end I will:

Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending the public schools;

Obey the laws of Ohio and the United States;

Respect the confidentiality of privileged information;

Recognize that as an individual Board member I have no authority to speak or act for the Board;

Work with other members to establish effective Board policies;

Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent and staff;

Encourage ongoing communications among Board members, the Board, students, staff and the community;

Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups;

Make efforts to attend all Board meetings;

Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting;

Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues and by participating in in-service programs;

Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not as a result of influence;

Cooperate with other Board members and administrators to establish a system of regular and impartial evaluations of all staff;

Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof;

Refrain from using my Board position for benefit of myself, family members or business associates; and

Express my personal opinions, but, once the Board has acted, accept the will of the majority.

NOTE: This Code of Ethics has been adopted by the Ohio School Boards Association Delegate Assembly.

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