Each board member shall comply with the following ethical provisions:

1. A Board member’s greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

2. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.

3. Make decisions only after full discussion at public Board meetings; render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment.

4. Seek communications with students, staff, and members of the community.

5. Work respectfully with other Board members to achieve the educational goals of the school district by encouraging the free expression of opinions by all Board members.

6. Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.

7. Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school board 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. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session (non-public).

10. Recognize that no individual member has authority to speak or act for the entire Board, except as specifically designated to do so by Board action.

11. Recognize that final Board actions will be supported by all members of the Board; take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration; and refrain from private actions which undermine or compromise official Board action.

12. Display and demonstrate courtesy and decorum toward fellow Board members at all public meetings and in all public statements.

13. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using board position for personal or partisan gain.

14. Work with other board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent of Schools.

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