Code of Ethics for School Board Members

As a member of my local Board of education, I will strive to support and 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 should endeavor to 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 encourage 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.

* Treat all board members, staff, students and members of the community with respect at all times.

* Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws.

* Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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Note: There are no federal or state statues that govern this policy.