

SANBORN REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

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BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

In order to fulfill its duty under state law to provide education to pupils within the District, the Board adopts the following expectations for each of its members.

AS A MEMBER OF THE SCHOOL BOARD, AND IN ACCORDANCE WITH MY OATH OF OFFICE, I WILL IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION BY STRIVING TO ADHERE TO THE FOLLOWING EXPECTATIONS:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Exercise all powers and perform all duties vested in and imposed upon the school board by SAU law or rules of the state board. Understand that the Board, as governing body, does not manage the District, but rather sets the broad goals and standards for the District by way of policies adopted by a quorum of the Board at proper meetings under the Right-to-Know law.
3. Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school board associations.
4. Make decisions and take votes based upon the available facts, the full deliberation of the Board, and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender or subordinate that judgement to any individual or special interest group.
5. Work respectfully with other Board members by encouraging the free expression of differing opinions and ideas.
6. Recognize that as a general principle, Board policies and decisions represent outcomes of collaboration, consensus and vote of a quorum.
7. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or non-public session.
8. Recognize that individual Board members are without authority to act relative to School District business and may not individually commit the Board to any action except as specifically designated to do so by Board action.
9. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office per applicable School Board policies.
10. Work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies, and foster a relationship with the District administration toward the effective implementation of those policies and management of the District operations, personnel and facilities.

11. Communicate to the Superintendent and to the Board (only as consistent with the Right-to-Know law) expressions of public reaction to Board programs, policies and other Board actions.

12. Establish policies and protocols for systematic communications with students, staff, and members of the community. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.

See also: Appendix BCA-R

Legal References:

189:1-a "Duty to Provide Education"; and RSA 189:1 "Days of School"

Policy History:

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