

## BCA - SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Make decisions only after full discussion at public 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.
3. Seek systematic communications with students, staff, and members of the community.
4. 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.
5. Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
6. Be informed about current educational issues.
7. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
8. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session.
9. 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.
10. Display and demonstrate courtesy and decorum toward fellow Board members at all public meetings and in all public statements.
11. Avoid conflicts of interest, real or perceived. Members should disclose all conflicts of interest prior to discussion in public or non-public sessions, as referenced in policy BCB.
12. Members will not communicate with each other electronically during a meeting as referenced in policy BHE.

*Appendix BCA-R*

*Appendix- BCB Board Member Conflict of Interest*

*Appendix- BEC Non-Public Sessions*

*Appendix- BEDH Participation at Board Meetings*

*Appendix- BHE School Board Use of Electronic Communication*

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