

Board Member Standards of Conduct

A Board member should:

1. Comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law;
2. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis;
3. Understand that the Board makes decisions as a team. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
4. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
5. Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;
6. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
7. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
8. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
9. Insist that all Board and district business is ethical and honest;
10. Be open; fair and honest — no hidden agendas;
11. Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
12. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor;
13. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;
14. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
15. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;
16. Present personal criticism of district operations to the superintendent, when appropriate, not to district staff;

17. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;
18. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law.
19. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 162.015 - 162.035

ORS 162.405 - 162.425

ORS 192.630

ORS 244.040

ORS 244.120

ORS 332.055