

### **SCHOOL COMMITTEE MEMBER ETHICS**

As a member of my local school committee, I will strive to improve public education and to that end I will strive to:

- A. Attend all regular scheduled School Committee meetings in so far as possible as an informed and prepared member concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- B. Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held school committee meetings and will honorably support the majority vote;
- C. Render all decisions based on the available facts, my independent judgment and the educational welfare of the students and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- D. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all School Committee members and seek systematic communication between the School Committee and students, staff and all elements of the community;
- E. Work with other School Committee members, teachers, administrators, other personnel and community members to establish effective School Committee policies and delegate authority to the administration of the said policies to the Superintendent of Schools;
- F. Communicate to other School Committee members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to School Committee policies and school programs for investigation and action if deemed necessary.
- G. 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 schools boards associations;
- H. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to provide education for all students in the community commensurate with their needs and abilities;
- I. Take no private action that will compromise the School Committee or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under application law or is received in confidence or executive session;
- J. Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare and safety of the students attending the public schools;
- K. Confine by board action to policy making, educational and financial planning and appraisal and ensure that the Superintendent of Schools is working toward the best interest of all staff, students and community;

- L. Recognize that School Committee members are not responsible for operating schools, but for seeing that the schools are operated well.

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