

Bylaws of the Board

Code of Ethics

The Amity Board of Education believes that each member should help create public schools which meet the individual educational needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, religious affiliation, gender, sexual orientation or disability. Board members recognize that authority rests only with the whole Board assembled in a meeting. Each member understands that they may make no promises nor take any private action that may compromise the Board. Amity Board of Education members never use their positions to actively seek personal or financial benefit. Unsolicited gifts shall follow the guidelines contained in the Code of Ethics for Public Officials and State Employees.

Board members hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools that, if disclosed, might needlessly injure individuals, schools, or the District itself. With the exception of those issues legally conducted in executive session, the Board ensures that all other board business is transacted in a transparent manner.

Code of Conduct

As a guide to the performance of their duties, Board members should:

1. Be staunch advocates of high quality public education, keeping in mind the best interests of all Connecticut children.
2. Work to help the community to understand the importance of proper support for public education.
3. Become informed about the nature, value, and direction of contemporary education and support needed change in the schools.
4. Serve as a communication link between the community and the schools, in keeping with the Board of Education's communication policy.
5. Arrive at conclusions after fully discussing the issue at an open meeting, and abide by the principle of majority rule.
6. Hold confidential all matters pertaining to schools which, if disclosed, might needlessly injure individuals or the schools.
7. Insist that all school business transactions be open and ethical.

Reference: "Connecticut Code of Ethics for Boards of Education", printed in Responsibilities of Board of Education Membership (revised June 1989)