

CODE OF CONDUCT FOR BOARD MEMBERS/CENSURE

It is the policy of the Regional School District 17 Board of Education that a member of the Board will:

1. adhere to all Board policies, rules and regulations;
2. conduct himself or herself in a fair and impartial manner;
3. refrain from interfering with the implementation of a Board policy decision by the administration;
4. refrain from interfering with the duties of any school district official; and
5. refrain from divulging to anyone any aspect of matters considered and discussed in executive session.

E-mail communication among Board members shall conform to the same standards as other forms of communication as directed by the Freedom of Information Act. Email shall not be used in such a manner as to deprive the public of the rights provided to it by the Freedom of Information Act. The confidentiality of employee data, student data and other sensitive subjects must always be maintained.

Each member of the Board shall act in complete accordance with the provisions and tenor of this policy. Should any member of the Board fail to so act, such failure shall constitute cause for censure or other such action as deemed appropriate by the Board.

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Censure

The Board may vote to censure or reprimand a member or officer by a two-thirds majority vote of the membership of the whole Board, and only after an agreed-upon procedure and reasons for such action are specified in writing and distributed among all members.

Prior to any vote to censure a Board member for cause:

- 1) The Board may review the performance and/or conduct of the Board member in open or executive session (as determined by the Board and the Board member) prior to taking any formal action; the Board determines that formal action is necessary, the Board member shall be provided with reasonable notice of the Board's intent to consider possible censure, such notice to be given in writing after being authorized by Board vote at a prior meeting of the Board.
- 2) A vote to censure a Board member shall take place only at a regular meeting or at a special meeting called for that purpose;
- 3) Such censure may be enacted for cause by a two-thirds majority vote of all Board members.

Legal References:

Connecticut General Statutes

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| 1-200 | Definitions |
| 1-210 | Access to public records. Exempt records |
| 1-211 | Disclosure of computer-stored public records |
| 10-220 | Duties of boards of education. |

Approved by the Board, November 10, 2020