As a member of the board of trustees, I will strive to improve public education and to that end I will:

1.   Attend regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

2.   Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussions at publicly held board meetings;

3.   Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

4.   Encourage the free expression of opinions by all board members and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff, and elements of the community;

5.   Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;

6.   Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reactions to board policies and school programs;

7.   Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and thorough participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards association;

8.   Support the employment of those persons' best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

9.   Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my board position for personal or partisan gain;

10.   Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;

11.   Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

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