CODE OF ETHICS

A School Board member, operating under the highest ethical standards should:

1. Observe and enforce national, state, and local laws and regulations pertaining to education.
2. Accept office as a Board Member as a means of unselfish service.
3. Transact school business only in regular sessions.
4. Represent the entire community without fear or favor.
5. Preserve the obligation of having all issues considered fairly and without bias.
6. Act as part of an educational team with mutual respect and regard for each other's respective responsibilities and duties, recognizing that the strength of a school board is in acting as a board, not as individuals.
7. Uphold the principles of due process and individual dignity.
8. Accept all Board decisions once they are made and assist in carrying them out effectively.
9. Delegate action to the Superintendent of Schools as the Board Executive and confine Board action to assessment of District functioning, policy making, and planning.
10. Employ only competent, trained personnel on the recommendation of the Superintendent of Schools.
11. Preserve the right and obligation of teachers to teach controversial issues fairly and without bias.
12. Strive constantly to provide the opportunity for each child to use his/her potential to the fullest, making these decisions without regard to personal gain.
13. Maintain the confidentiality of information acquired in the course of his/her official duties and shall not use such information to further his/her personal interest and/or take no private action that will compromise the Board or District personnel.
14. Become informed concerning issues through review of provided information, research, and continuing participation in professional development programs.

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