

Board Member Ethics/Expectations

Board Members Shall:

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

2. Endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.

3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and Board member's own independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.

4. Encourage the free expressions of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board, students, staff, and all elements of the community.

5. Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for administration to the Administrative Director.

6. Communicate to other Board members and the Administrative Director expressions of public reaction to Board policies and programs.

7. Stay informed on current education issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and national School Board Association.

8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as staff, and insist on a regular impartial evaluation of all full-time and permanent part-time staff.

9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using 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.

11. Remember, always, that the first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the NWBOCES.