

## CODE OF ETHICS FOR SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

I will recognize that authority rests with the board in legal session-not in individual members of the board.

I will recognize that school business may be legally transacted only in open meeting legally called.

I will discourage the use of standing committees and insist that all members of the board participate fully in board action. I will make no promises take no action outside of board meetings tending to embarrass or compromise the board.

I will express my honest and most thoughtful opinions fairly in board meetings in an effort to have all decisions made for the best interests of the children decisions, and the schools. I will, however, accept and fully, support all board decisions once they are made, so long as I remain a member of the board.

I will not discuss the confidential business of the board in my home, on the street, or in my office-the place for such discussions being the school board meeting.

I will see that the superintendent actually has authority commensurate with his responsibility and will not in any way interfere with or seek to undermine his authority.

I will demand that the superintendent keep the board properly informed on school matters at all times through oral and written reports.

I will help to form board policies and plans only after considering the recommendations of the superintendent, and his reasons for making such recommendations.

I will represent the entire district rather than individual electors or patrons.

I will regard my position as one of trust and responsibility to be used for the welfare of the schools and the community.

I will endeavor to keep informed on all educational developments of significance, both local and state.

I will not use the schools or any part of the school program for my own personal advantage or for the advantage of my friends or supporters.

I will not regard the schools as my own private property but as the property of the people.

I will not find fault with, or criticize to the public, or other board members or school officials for decisions properly and conscientiously made but concerning which there may be a honest difference of opinion.

I will not help elect a superintendent; principal or teacher who is already under contracts in another school. (Most school people are under contract when opportunities to move occur. This statement means that persons under contract should not be elected to a new position unless there is time to give sufficient notice to their boards so that replacement may be secured. In Colorado July 15 is regarded as the deadline).

I will not vote for the election of any principal or teacher who has not been nominated by the superintendent.

I will consider merit only, in the election of any person connected with the school system.

I will hold confidential all matters pertaining to the schools, which, if disclosed, would needlessly injure individuals or the schools.

I will not expect of the principal or teachers any privilege or favor for my children or the children of my friends or employees, which would not be granted under the same circumstances to other patrons of the school.

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