

Code of Ethics for School Board Members

As a member of my local Board of Education, I will strive to improve public education and to that end I will:

- attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.
- recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.
- render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board Members and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff and all elements of the community.
- work with other Board Members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent.
- communicate to other Board Members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards associations.
- support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
- avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
- take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws.
- remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

Delta County School District 50J

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