

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

All members of the Tyler County Board of Education will strive to improve public education, and to that end will:

- Remember always that their first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of students;
- Attend all board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- Recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
- Render all decisions based on the available facts and their 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 each other to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the implementation of board policies to the superintendent;
- Communicate to each other and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs;
- Refer complaints or comments about matters warranting administrative attention to the Superintendent;
- Inform themselves about current educational issues through individual study and through participation in local, regional, state and national training and development programs sponsored by school boards associations and/or other qualified training organizations as well as orientation training conducted;
- Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- Ensure that decisions relating to personnel actions through board policy will be based on proper evaluations and appropriate due process legal procedures;

- Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using their board position for personal or partisan gain; and
- Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable sections of law.

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