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Subject: Code of Ethics – Board Members

A school board member, operating under the highest ethical standards, should:

- a) Provide the opportunity for high quality education for every student.
- b) Observe state, federal and local laws and regulations pertaining to education and public agencies.
- c) Accept office as a board member as a means of unselfish service.
- d) Take official actions only in public sessions.
- e) Represent the entire community without fear or favor, while not using these positions for personal gain and accepting all responsibilities as a means of un-self service.
- f) Remember that a board member is one of an educational team.
- g) Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
- h) Recognize that the strength of a school board is as a board, not as individuals.
- i) Delegate authority to the chief school administrator as the Board executive and confine Board action to policy making and oversight.
- j) Employ only competent personnel.
- k) Preserve the obligation of having controversial issues presented fairly and without bias.
- l) Instill respect toward our country and one’s fellow citizens & self.
- m) Practice and promote ethical behavior in the boardroom and in the classroom.

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- n) Uphold the principles of due process and individual dignity, and protect the civil and human rights of all.
- o) Inspire and nurture the highest board of ethics and integrity.
- p) *Disclosure Of Interest In Matters Before The Board Of Education:* To the extent that he or she knows thereof, a member of the Board of Education shall publicly disclose on the official record the nature and extent of any direct or indirect financial or other private interest he or she has with vendors conducting business with the Board. He or she shall file a *Disclosure of Significant Financial Interests & Obligations* conflict of interest form with the school district clerk annually at the re-organizational meeting. If Part II of the form is completed, the disclosure is acknowledged in the minutes of the Board of Education.
- q) *Investments In Conflict With Official Duties:* A member of the Board of Education shall not invest or hold any investment directly in any financial, business, commercial or other private transaction that creates conflict with his or her official duties.

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