BOARD MEMBER CODE OF CONDUCT

While serving as a member of the Board of Education, I will accept the responsibility to improve education. To accomplish that I will:

• Remember that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of all students attending the public schools;

• Obey the laws of Ohio and the United States;

• Not disclose privileged or confidential information acquired as a Board member;

• Recognize that as an individual Board member I have no authority to speak or act for the Board;

• Work with other members to establish effective Board policies;

• Delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Chief Executive Officer and staff;

• Encourage ongoing communications among Board members, the Board, students, staff, and the community;

• Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment rather than succumbing to the influence of individuals or special interest groups;

• Make every effort to attend all Board meetings;

• Become informed concerning the issues to be considered at each meeting;

• Improve my boardmanship by studying educational issues and by participating in in-service programs;

• Support the employment of staff members based on qualifications and not as a result of influence;

• Cooperate with other Board members and administrators to establish a system of regular and impartial evaluations of all staff;

• Avoid conflicts of interest or the appearance thereof;

• Refrain from using my Board position for benefit of myself, family members or business associates;

• Express my personal opinions but, once the Board has acted, accept the will of the majority.
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