

- A. Members of the Board shall conduct themselves in an ethical, businesslike and lawful manner, shall not misuse their authority as Board members, and shall display appropriate decorum when acting as Board members. The specific areas of emphasis which follow should not be construed as an exclusive list of those duties which are incumbent upon Board members.
- B. Duty to Act Solely on Behalf of School District—Board members shall endeavor to represent the interests of all patrons and students. This accountability to the entire District supersedes:
1. Any conflicting loyalty a Board member may have to other advocacy or interest groups;
 2. Loyalty to other organizations on which the Board member serves as a director or staff member;
 3. Conflicts based upon the personal interest of any Board member who is also the parent of a student in the District; or
 4. Conflicts based upon being related to any employee of the District.
- C. Individual Authority of Board Members—Except as otherwise provided by state law or other Board policies; individual Board members have no authority over the affairs of the District. Therefore:
1. Board members' interaction with the Superintendent and other administrative staff must recognize the lack of authority vested in individual Board members except when explicitly authorized by the Board;
 2. Except as explicitly authorized by the Board as a whole, Board members must not purport to address the public or the press on behalf of the Board except to reiterate and reinforce actions taken by the Board as a whole. Absent such authorization, Board members addressing the public or the press must emphasize that they are doing so only as an individual Board member, and that they do not speak for the entire Board.
 3. Board members will not publicly express individual negative judgments regarding the performance of the Superintendent or other staff of the District. Any such comments must be restricted to those made in an Executive Session of a Board meeting.
- D. Duty of Confidentiality—Board members shall maintain strict confidentiality with respect to sensitive information and issues that otherwise may compromise the legal standing of the District, particularly the details of any matters discussed in an Executive Session of a Board meeting.

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