

Board Member Ethics

It is the policy of Edmonds School District that members of the Board agree to strive to improve public education, and to that end will:

1. attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board meetings;
3. render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
4. 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;
5. work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
6. communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs;
7. become informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and national school boards associations;
8. support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using board membership for personal or partisan gain;
10. take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and
11. make the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools of the district first and foremost.

Source: National School Boards Association

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