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10 **A Guide for School Board Members**

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12 As a member of my local board of education, I will strive to improve public education and to that end
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15 • Attend all regularly scheduled board meetings insofar as possible and become informed
16 concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
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18 • Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly
19 held board meetings;
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21 • Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment and refuse to
22 surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
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24 • Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members and seek systematic
25 communications between the board and students, staff and all elements of the community;
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27 • Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for
28 the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
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30 • Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to
31 board policies and school programs;
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33 • Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in
34 programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the state and national
35 school boards associations;
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37 • Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff and insist on a
38 regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
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40 • Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest and refrain from using my board position for
41 personal or partisan gain;
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43 • Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration and respect the
44 confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable laws;
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46 • Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the
47 students attending the public schools.