

Kimberly School District

Policy # 1511

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Code of Ethics for School Board Members

AS A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF TRUSTEES, I WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND TO THAT END I WILL:

- ✓ Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
- ✓ Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- ✓ Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
- ✓ 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;
- ✓ Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration to the Superintendent;
- ✓ Recognize and respect the responsibilities that properly are delegated to the Superintendent;
- ✓ Communicate to the Superintendent expression of public reaction to Board policies, school programs, or staff;
- ✓ Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the Idaho and National School Boards Associations;
- ✓ Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on regular and impartial evaluation of staff;
- ✓ Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;
- ✓ Avoid compromising the Board or administration by inappropriate individual action or comments, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
- ✓ Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending public schools.

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