

Unity School District - Board of Education

Board Policy 165

Board of Education Code of Conduct

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The Board of Education functions as a collective body. In an effort to govern with excellence, each individual member shall exercise responsibility by adhering to the following code of conduct.

I. PROCEDURE

- A. Use Robert's Rules
- B. Give feedback to presenters
- C. Inform the Board President of absences
- D. Strive for consensus and teamwork
- E. Allow all Board members to speak on an issue

II. DISCUSSION

- A. Be honest
- B. Listen carefully
- C. Contribute your ideas
- D. Discuss reasons for "NO" votes
- E. Speak to issues relevant to the agenda item
- F. Affirm ideas you agree with by adding new information rather than repetition

III. BEHAVIOR

- A. Respect diverse opinions
- B. Be prepared for meetings
- C. Pay attention to speakers
- D. Maintain a professional decorum
- E. Focus on issues, not personalities
- F. Respect differences in communication style
- G. Respect the confidentiality of other Board members' views
- H. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged
- I. Be respectful to Board members, administrators and presenters
- J. Exercise good Board member ethics

IV. ATTITUDE

- A. Maintain a sense of humor
- B. Keep an open mind to new ideas
- C. Learn and practice the art of compromise
- D. Listen objectively to constructive criticism
- E. Seek first to understand, then to be understood
- F. Base your decisions on available facts and independent judgment