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Oath

Each newly-elected Board member shall file an acceptance of office as well as an affidavit of eligibility and shall take an oath of office:

President (to new board members): "Please repeat after me:"

"I, (name), do solemnly swear that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of Geneva Community Unit School District 304, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further swear that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the school district's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow board members and others who seek a hearing before the board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a public board meeting; and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels."

The Policy Committee suggested that the following language be added to this Bylaw:
". . . in response to input from the community at the Board table."

Adopted 6/26/06

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Review by Policy Committee 2/25/2013

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