
Board Member Standards of Conduct

Individual board members and the board as a public entity must comply with ethics laws for public officials.

Board members will treat other board members, the superintendent, staff and the public with dignity and courtesy and will provide an opportunity for all parties to be heard with due respect for their opinions.

Board members will recognize the superintendent as the chief executive officer to whom the board has delegated administrative authority to establish regulations and oversee the implementation of board policy.

When a board member expresses a personal opinion in public, the board member should clearly identify the opinions as personal. [This does not preclude a board member from endorsing a candidate or measure in their capacity as an individual board member. They may not make endorsements on behalf of the board unless authorized to do so.](#)

Board members support board decisions after honoring the right of individual members to express their viewpoints and vote accordingly.

A board member will respect the privacy rights of individuals when dealing with confidential information gained through association with the district.

A board member will keep information and documents discussed in executive session confidential.

A board member will utilize social media websites judiciously by not posting confidential information about students, staff or district business.

Board members will treat fellow board members, staff, students and the public with respect while posting online or to social media and will adhere to Oregon Public Meetings Laws when communicating with other board members via websites or other electronic means.

A Board member is a mandatory reporter of child abuse. A Board member having reasonable cause to believe that any child with whom the Board member comes in contact with has suffered abuse or that any person with whom the Board member comes in contact with has abused a child shall immediately make ~~a an oral report by telephone or otherwise~~ to the ~~local~~ Department of Human Services (DHS)¹, ~~to the designee of the department~~ or to ~~a local~~ law enforcement within the county where the person making the report is located at the time of contact.

¹ [How to report abuse or neglect: Oregon DHS. Call 855-503-SAFE \(7233\).](#)

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015 to -162.035](#)

[ORS 162.405 to -162.425](#)

[ORS 192.610 to -192.710](#)

[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS Chapter 244](#)

[ORS 332.055](#)

[ORS 419B.005](#)

[ORS 419B.010](#)

[ORS 419B.015](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest