

Neah-Kah-Nie School District 56

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Board Member Standards of Conduct

A Board member should:

1. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis
2. Understand that the Board makes decisions ~~as a team~~ by a quorum vote of the Board. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
3. Be open, fair and honest – no hidden agendas;
4. Respect the rights of the public to attend, observe and be heard at official meetings;
5. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;
6. Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;
7. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at ~~official~~ properly noticed Board meetings;
8. Make decisions only after all available facts bearing on a question have been presented and discussed;
9. Respect the opinion of others and graciously accept the principal of “majority rule” in Board decisions;
10. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential;
11. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board’s ~~adviser and act only after hearing the recommendations of the superintendent~~ employee and designated as the chief executive officer of the district;
12. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
13. Present personal criticism of any school operation directly to the superintendent, when appropriate, rather than to school personnel;
14. Insist that all school business transactions be on an ethical and honest basis;

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15. Comply with the ethics laws for public officials provided in state law;
16. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
17. Give ~~the~~ district staff the respect and consideration due to skilled professional personnel.
18. Use social media, websites, or other electronic communication judiciously, respectfully, and in a manner that does not violate Oregon's Public Meetings Laws;
19. When using posting online or to social media ~~websites~~, Board members will treat and refer to other Board members, staff, students and the public with respect, and will not post confidential information about students, staff or district business;
20. ~~Never post confidential information about students, staff or district business on any websites~~ 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 an oral report by telephone or otherwise to the local Department of Human Services (DHS), 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.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

[ORS 162.015 - 162.035](#)
[ORS 162.405 - 162.425](#)
[ORS 192.610 - 192.710](#)
[ORS 244.040](#)

[ORS Chapter 244](#)
[ORS 332.055](#)
[ORS 419B.005](#)
[ORS 419B.010](#)

[ORS 419B.015](#)
[Senate Bill 415 \(2019\)](#)

Cross Reference(s):

BBFA - Board Member Ethics and Conflicts of Interest
 GBI - Gifts and Solicitations