

## ADMINISTERING THE OATH OF OFFICE TO SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS

*Superintendent Larson will ask Lucy Payne, Judith Schwartz, and Stacey Stout to rise and will read the following:*

It is an honor that you were elected/appointed to guide the education of our community's children. As you recite the oath of office, you assume a tremendous responsibility as a director of our school district with the duties empowered by the Minnesota Legislature. This power puts you and the other members of our school board in the position of being both morally and legally responsible for equitable, quality education of every student in the district.

In carrying out this responsibility, you will be asked to fulfill the roles of vision, structure, accountability, and advocacy. In providing vision, the board, with extensive participation of the community, envisions the community's educational future and then formulates the goals, defines the outcomes and sets the course for the public schools.

To achieve the vision, the board establishes a structure and creates an environment designed to ensure all students the opportunity to attain their maximum potential through a sound organizational framework.

Because as a board we must be accountable to the community, we must ensure a continuous assessment of student achievement and all conditions affecting the education of our children.

As board members, you serve as education's key advocate on behalf of students and our community schools to advance the vision for our schools.

Furthermore, we must strive to work together and with the administration and staff to lead the district toward fulfilling the vision we have created, fostering excellence for every student in the areas of academic skills and knowledge, citizenship and personal development.

Having signed the acceptance of office and oath of office, will you please publicly affirm your commitment.

Lucy, Judy, and Stacey, Please raise your right hand and repeat after me ...

I HEREBY ACCEPT THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No. 832 FOR A TERM BEGINNING THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY, 2017, AND EXPIRING THE FIRST MONDAY IN JANUARY 2021.

I SWEAR/AFFIRM THAT I WILL SUPPORT THE CONSTITUTION OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THIS STATE, AND THAT I WILL DISCHARGE FAITHFULLY THE DUTIES OF THE OFFICE OF SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER OF INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT No.832 TO THE BEST OF MY JUDGMENT AND ABILITY.

*At this time the superintendent should shake hands with the new member(s) and perhaps allow an opportunity for pictures to be taken.*

