

Record of Board Self-Evaluation
Governance Process and Board Management Delegation Policies
July 1, 2020 – June 30, 2021

Policy Type:	Governance Process
Policy Title:	4.5 School Board Members' Code of Conduct

The School Board commits itself and its members to ethical, businesslike, and lawful conduct, including proper use of authority and appropriate decorum when acting as School Board members.

- 4.5.1 Members will demonstrate loyalty to the owners, not conflicted by loyalties to staff, other organizations, or any personal interests as consumers.
- 4.5.2 Members will avoid conflict of interest with respect to their fiduciary responsibility.
 - 4.5.2.1 There will be no self-dealing or business by a member with the district. Members will annually disclose their involvements with other organizations or with vendors and any associations that might be reasonably seen as representing a conflict of interest.
 - 4.5.2.2 When the School Board is to decide on an issue about which a member has an unavoidable conflict of interest, that member will absent herself or himself without comment not only from the vote but also from the deliberation.
 - 4.5.2.3 School Board members will not use their School Board position to obtain employment in the district for themselves, family members, or close associates. A School Board member who applies for employment will first resign from the School Board.
- 4.5.3 School Board members will not attempt to exercise individual authority over the school district or attempt to cause division between School Board members or the School Board and members of the district.
 - 4.5.3.1 Members' interaction with the Superintendent or with staff will recognize the lack of authority vested in individuals except when explicitly authorized by the School Board.
 - 4.5.3.2 Members' interactions with the public, the press, or other entities will recognize the same limitation and the inability of any School Board member to speak for the School Board except to repeat explicitly stated School Board decisions.

- 4.5.4 Members will respect the confidentiality appropriate to issues of a sensitive nature.
- 4.5.5 Members will be prompt and attend all Board Business Meetings and Board Workshops, and all meetings of Board Committees and other outside assignments. Absences must be communicated to the Board Chair or Committee Chair at least seventy-two hours prior to the affected meeting. In the case of an unforeseen conflict, the Board Chair or Committee Chair must be notified as soon as possible.
- 4.5.6 Members will be properly prepared for School Board deliberation.
 - 4.5.6.1 Members' use of electronic devices shall be restricted to the use of district issued technology during board business meetings and workshops. Brief incidental or unexpected and urgent situations do not constitute a violation of the restriction.
- 4.5.7 Members will support the legitimacy and authority of the final determination of the School Board on any matter, irrespective of the member's personal position on the issue.
- 4.5.8 For an effective School Board, School Board Members will attend a series of training courses that familiarize them with the operation of School Boards within the State of Minnesota as well as the Eden Prairie School District. School Board Member training will consist of the following:
 - 4.5.8.1 Introduction to Policy Governance – School Board members will take this course as soon as possible upon election to the School Board and no later than six months from taking office. Course content to be determined by the Board Development Committee.

The following training sessions are conducted by the Minnesota School Boards Association (MSBA):

- 4.5.8.2 Phase I Orientation (New School Board Members) – School Board members will take this course as soon as possible upon election to the School Board and no later than six months from taking office.
- 4.5.8.3 Phase II Orientation (New School Board Members) – School Board members will take this course as soon as possible upon election to the School Board and no later than six months from taking office.
- 4.5.8.4 Phase III Orientation (Building a High-Performance School Board) – School Board members will take this course (or an alternate course of similar training as approved by the School Board Chair) within the first two years of taking office.
- 4.5.8.5 Phase IV Orientation (Community Engagement) – School Board members will take this course (or an alternate course of similar training as approved by the School Board Chair) within the first two years of taking office.

4.5.8.6 Officer Training – any School Board member elected to be an officer will attend this course within six months of election.

4.5.8.7 Annual Leadership Conference – each School Board member will attend this conference no less than once every three years.

A School Board Training Attendance Report will be maintained for compliance purposes.

Policy	Date of Self-Evaluation	Board Behavior Fully Compliant	Board behavior needing improvement or opportunity for continuous improvement	Commitment Made/Action Taken	Completed
4.5 School Board Members' Code of Conduct	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>	<i>Board Director Stoltz' actions after the Board Meeting on Aug 24, 2020 were not ethical or businesslike and did not display appropriate decorum. Her actions led to significant risk of the Board committing a legal violation. Significant violations occurred on policies 4.5.1, 4.5.3, 4.5.4, 4.5.6, and 4.5.7. Director's Stoltz's actions caused division among the Board that have taken and will continue to take significant action to address.</i>	<i>Director Stoltz will be required by the Board to retake the Phase 1 and Phase 2 training as described in policy 4.5.8.2 and 4.5.8.3 by the end of January 2021 and the Introduction to Policy Governance Course as described in 4.5.8.1 at a date to be determined in early 2021. Director Stoltz will also be removed from her appointment to the Board Development Committee. Director Stoltz will bring forward a public statement regarding these violations for consideration for entry into the public record at the December 14, 2020 Board meeting.</i>	<i>TBA</i>
4.5.1	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.2	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.2.1	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.2.2	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.2.3	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.3	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.3.1	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.3.2	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.4	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.5	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.6	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.6.1	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.7	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.1	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.2	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.3	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.4	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.5	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.6	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			
4.5.8.7	Nov 9, 2020	<i>No</i>			

Adopted: 10/23/12

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