

Board Member Ethics

The Geneva Board of Education accepts the Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards of the Illinois Association of School Boards as stated below:

As a member of my local Board of Education, I shall do my utmost to represent the public interest in education by adhering to the following commitments:

- A. I shall represent all school district constituents honestly and equally and refuse to surrender my responsibilities to special interest or partisan political groups;
- B. I shall recognize that they should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings;
- C. I shall avoid any conflict of interest or the appearance of impropriety which could result from my position, and shall not use my Board membership for personal gain or publicity;
- D. 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 Board meeting;
- E. I shall take no private action that might compromise the Board or administration and shall respect the confidentiality of privileged information;
- F. I shall abide by majority decisions of the Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels;
- G. I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board;
- H. I shall be involved and knowledgeable about not only local educational concerns, but also about State and National issues;
- I. I shall regularly attend Board meetings and carry my share of member responsibilities;
- J. I shall work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the District to the Superintendent;

- K. I shall communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;
- L. I shall inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the State and National School Boards Associations;
- M. I shall support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
- N. I shall remember always that my first and greatest concern must be for the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

Source: Board of Directors, National School Boards Association.

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