

## **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.

<u>When</u> a board member has the right to express<u>es</u> personal opinions in <u>public</u>, When expressing such opinions in <u>public</u>, the board member should clearly identify the opinions as personal.

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 <u>online or</u> <u>to social media</u> 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 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 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

## Belong. Believe. Achieve.

The District prohibits discrimination and harassment based on any basis protected by law, including but not limited to, an individual's actual or perceived race, color, religion, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity, gender expression, national or ethnic origin, marital status, age, mental or physical disability, pregnancy, familial status, economic status, veterans' status, or because of a perceived or actual association with any other persons within these protected classes.