

**SCHOOL BOARD ACTION, DECISION, ETHICS**

The Board shall take action and make decision only at regular or special meetings as follows:

1. The Board, with a quorum present, can take legal action only at duly constituted regular or special meetings;
2. A decision of the Board shall be binding until rescinded by the Board at a duly called regular or special meeting;
3. A Board member shall disqualify him/herself from voting on any matter(s) where there is a question of conflict of interest;
4. All regular and special meetings shall be attended by the Superintendent or an assistant superintendent of schools.

Each Board member shall subscribe to the following code:

AS A MEMBER OF MY LOCAL BOARD OF EDUCATION, I WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND TO THAT END I WILL STRIVE TO:

Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;

Recognize that I should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings:

Render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;

Encourage the free expression of opinion by all Board members, and seek systematic communications between the Board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;

Work with other Board members to establish effective Board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the Superintendent of Schools;

Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs;

Inform myself about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school boards association;

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Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;

Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain;

Take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session;

Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.

**Legal Reference:**

RSA 91-A:2, Meetings Open to Public  
RSA 91-A:2-a, Communications Outside Meetings

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