

**BH School Board Member Ethics**

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As a member of my local Board, I will strive to improve public education, and to that end I will:

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, district 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;

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

Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as district staff;

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

Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law; and

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

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