

OYSTER RIVER COOPERATIVE SCHOOL BOARD	Policy Code: BCA
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SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS

Each board member shall comply with the following ethical provisions:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
2. Make decisions only after full discussion at public 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.
3. Work respectfully with other Board members to achieve the educational goals of the school district by encouraging the free expression of opinions by all Board members.
4. Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
5. Be informed 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 board associations.
6. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
7. Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session.
8. Recognize that no individual member has authority to speak or act for the entire Board, except as specifically designated to do so by Board action. As such, Board members should clearly articulate that positions taken are their own and not the position of the full Board.
9. Recognize that final Board actions will be supported by all members of the Board; take no action that will compromise the Board or administration, and refrain from actions which undermine or compromise official Board action.
10. Display and demonstrate courtesy and decorum toward fellow Board members at all public meetings and in all public statements.
11. Engage in respectful, public discourse and do not disparage- individuals on the basis of their gender, sexual orientation, and other personal differences and affiliations toward fellow Board members and participants.
12. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain.
13. Work with the other Board members to establish effective Board policies and foster a relationship with the District administration toward the effective implementation of those policies and management of the District operations, personnel and facilities.
14. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office per applicable School Board policies.

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Cross Reference: BCB – Board Member Conflict of Interest