

Standards for School Board Members

A School Board member shall have faith in public education, shall accept a place on the Board as a public trust of the highest order, and be certain to represent all of the children of the community, not any particular segment or group.

As a State Officer, a School Board member is responsible to the Education Code of the State of Iowa.

A School Board member has an obligation to protect the schools against any person or special interest group that would weaken them. Therefore, the member must show courage in thoughts and actions to safeguard good schools for all children.

A Board member must be open-minded, rely on facts, and be unswayed by personal bias or vested interests and respectful of the ideas, suggestions and criticisms of other people.

A Board member must be willing to devote substantial amounts of time to learn more about the schools in the District, the schools and educational problems of the State and American education in general. Time should be set aside to attend county, regional, state and national meetings of other school boards in order to be more knowledgeable in solving the many problems facing the District.

A School Board member must safeguard the confidential matters of the District as mandated by law and the ethics required when one person represents many others, particularly when under pressure by the many special interests of a community.

Finally, the School Board member must serve the people with dignity, honor and objectivity and discharge this public trust with humility.

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