

AS A MEMBER OF THE NEWFIELDS SCHOOL DISTRICT BOARD OF EDUCATION, I WILL STRIVE TO IMPROVE PUBLIC EDUCATION, AND, TO THAT END, I WILL STRIVE TO:

Attend scheduled Board meetings regularly, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings.

Make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held Board meetings.

Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment.

Encourage the free and respectful expression of opinion by all Board members, students, staff, and all other members 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.

Become informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by state and national school board associations.

Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and expect regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.

Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using a 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 in non-public session.

The Board act only as "a body corporate". Board Members are free to speak publicly on all social media outlets about school matters, but must clarify that statements being made reflect their own views and are not necessarily the official opinion of the Board. All statements made by an individual Board Member should state that he/she is speaking as an individual community member and not representing the opinions of the School Board.

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

Law Reference

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