

BBF Board Member Ethics

LINCOLN COUNTY SCHOOL
DISTRICT

Code: **BBF**
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Orig. Code(s): 8241

Board Member Ethics

A Board member should:

- Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis;
- Recognize the superintendent as the chief executive officer to whom the Board has delegated administrative authority to establish regulations and oversee the implementation of Board policy;
- Remember always that a Board member's first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending public schools;
- Understand that the Board makes decisions as a team. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;
- Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;
- Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;
- Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;
- Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;
- Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;
- Insist that all Board and district business is ethical and honest;
- Be open, fair and honest — no hidden agendas;
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- Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;

- Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor and should be present at all meetings, except when the Board is considering the superintendent's evaluation, contract or salary;
- Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;
- Refuse to use the position for personal or family gain or prestige. Announce conflicts of interest before Board action is taken;
- Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;
- Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;
- Present personal criticism of district operations to the superintendent or designee, not to district staff or to a Board meeting;
- Respect the right of the public to attend and be heard at Board meetings;
- Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 162.015 - 162.035
ORS 162.405 - 162.425
ORS 192.630
ORS 244.040
ORS 244.120
ORS 332.055