

Corvallis School District

THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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Code of Ethics for School Board Members

IT SHALL BE MY CONSTANT ENDEAVOR:

1. To devote time, thought, and study to the duties and responsibilities of a school Board member, so that I may render effective and credible service.
2. To work with fellow Board members in a spirit of harmony and cooperation, in spite of differences of opinion that arise during vigorous debate of points at issue.
3. To base my personal decisions on all available facts in each situation; to vote my honest conviction in every case, unswayed by partisan bias of any kind; thereafter, to abide by and uphold the final majority decision of the Board.
4. To remember at all times that as an individual I have no legal authority outside the realm of the Board, and to conduct my relationships with the school staff, local citizenry, and all media of communication on the basis of this fact.
5. To resist every temptation and outside pressure to use my position as a Board member to benefit either myself or any other individual or agency apart from the total interest of the District.
6. To recognize that it is as important for the Board to understand and evaluate the educational program of the schools as it is to plan for the business operation of the schools.
7. To bear in mind under all circumstances that the primary function of the Board is to establish the policies by which the schools are to be administered, but that the administration of the educational program and the conduct of the school business shall be left to the employed Superintendent and his professional and nonprofessional staff.
8. Finally, to welcome and encourage active cooperation by citizens, organizations, and the media of communication in the District, with respect to establishing policy on current school operation and proposed future developments.

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