

Concord School District Policy #110

School Board Member Ethics

The Concord Board of Education commits itself, individually and collectively, to operate under the highest ethical standard while striving to:

1. Accept service as a Board member as a means of public service and not as a means for personal gain.
2. Participate actively in the business of the Board whose functions are legislative and evaluative.
3. Represent the entire Concord community. Seek systematic communications with students, staff, and members of the community.
4. Make decisions independently, without prejudice, after listening to all points of view and considering all available data including state law, state board regulations and school district policies.
5. 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 and others who address the Board.
6. Maintain a balance between fiscal responsibility and a commitment to quality education.
7. Remember that the statutory authority extended to the School Board must be exercised by the Board as a whole, and that no one Board member has legal authority to act on behalf of the Board without the Board's approval.
8. Accept all Board decisions once they are made and assure they are carried out effectively while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive means.
9. Adhere to RSA 91-A (Right to Know Law) in all communications with the public and Board members, and respect the confidentiality of privileged information received in nonpublic sessions (remembering that confidentiality cannot be waived except by majority vote of the Board).
10. Be 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.
11. Communicate openly with and delegate executive functions to the Superintendent of Schools.

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