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The School Board functions most effectively when individual School Board members act ethically, professionally, and responsibly. To promote desirable School Board member conduct, the School Board has adopted behavior and ethical standards for School Board members.

Recognizing that the School Board is not an employee of the district, but rather elected by the community, this policy is meant to facilitate a self-governing Board.

School Board members will strive to improve public education and to that end they will:

1. Model integrity in the performance of School Board duties and responsibilities. Respect and encourage the right of others to hold and express opinions;
2. Stay informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the State and National School Boards Associations;
3. Make decisions after considering the available facts, recommendations, and public input. This is a trust to be used wisely, according to the dictates of his/her conscience and the application of all State, federal and local laws and regulations;
4. Work for the good of the whole school District, not favoring any particular area or group.
5. Endeavor to maintain a working rapport with other School Board members, the Superintendent, and the staff;
6. Accept and support School Board actions and decisions when a majority sustains them.
7. Never discuss or disclose, at home or in public, confidential information given to School Board members;
8. Never try to influence the vote or other actions of School Board members by unethical means.
9. Avoid any conflict of interest, misconduct or appearance of impropriety as defined by law

Nothing in this policy will be construed to hinder a School Board member from free speech or communicating with the public on School Board issues except where prohibited by law.

Legal [Wis. Stat. 19.59 Code of Ethics for Local Government Officials, Employees and Candidates](#)  
[Wis. Stat. 946 Crimes Against Government and Its Administration](#)  
[Wis. Stat. 118 General School Operations](#)