

SCHOOL DISTRICT OF BAYFIELD

CREED FOR BOARD MEMBERS

The Board of Education must be free to act in the best interests of the school without fear of conflict from any other interest. Board members, as individuals, must be open minded and ready to learn. Decisions must be based on fact, not prejudice or fear of reprisal. Board membership is public service of the highest order and should be treated as such.

The Board supports the following Creed for School Board Members. Board members shall:

1. Make decisions on the basis of what is best for the children of the District.
2. Be open minded.
 - a. First, they shall listen.
 - b. They shall respect the rights of others to have and express opinions.
 - c. They shall treat school personnel and the citizenry fairly and ethically.
 - d. They shall make their own decisions at Board meetings after they have heard the facts presented.
 - e. They shall assure democratic processes for an individual or group.
3. Give the District Administrator authority as befits his/her responsibilities. Through written Board policies, they shall assure the District Administrator of his/her authority.
4. Uphold the administrative officers in their appointed duties.
5. Remember that they are members of the legislative body concerned with school administration.
6. Take part in legislation after studying the District Administrator's recommendations which are to be supported by complete information.
7. Strive to maintain harmonious working relationships among Board members.
 - a. They shall accept majority decisions graciously.
 - b. They shall stifle personal interests.
 - c. They shall assist others to work effectively.
 - d. They shall maintain firm convictions, but shall use tact in areas of disagreement with fellow Board members.

CROSS REF.: 150, Board Powers and Duties
161, Board Member Authority

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