

**BARNSTEAD SCHOOL DISTRICT
School Board Member Ethics**

As a member of the Barnstead School Board, I will strive to improve public education, and that I will strive to:

Each board member shall comply with the following ethical provisions:

- 1) Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of the students attending the public schools.
- 2) Attend all regularly scheduled Board meetings, insofar as possible, and become informed concerning issues to be considered at those meetings.
- 3) Make decisions only after full discussion at public Board meetings; render all decisions based on the available facts and my independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups.
- 4) Seek systematic communications with students, staff, and members of the community.
- 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.
- 6) Communicate to other Board members and the Superintendent expressions of public reaction to Board policies and school programs.
- 7) Be informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by my state and national school board associations.
- 8) Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff.
- 9) Respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law or is received in confidence or executive session.
- 10) Recognize that no individual member has authority to speak or act for the entire Board, except as specifically designated to do so by Board action.
- 11) Recognize that final Board actions will be supported by all members of the Board; take no private action that will compromise the Board or administration; and refrain from private actions which undermine or compromise official Board action.
- 12) Display and demonstrate courtesy and decorum toward fellow Board members at all public meetings and in all public statements.
- 13) Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using my Board position for personal or partisan gain

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