

SCHOOL BOARD

Administrative Procedure – Board Member Ethics

In order to build and maintain productive and effective relationships, School Board Members will maintain a system of communication and interaction that builds upon mutual trust and respect.

Accordingly, Board Members will:

1. Exercise honesty in all written and interpersonal interaction.
2. Demonstrate respect for the opinions of others.
3. Agree that the Board President is the chief spokesperson for the Board.
4. Maintain focus on the District mission and common goals.
5. Communicate openly and honestly with no hidden agendas in a timely manner to avoid surprises.
6. Respect decisions of the full School Board.
7. Withhold judgment on issues until fully informed.
8. Contact District administration with any questions as soon as possible prior to Board of Education meetings.
9. Take the initiative to understand, communicate and ask questions for clarification.
10. Used closed sessions appropriately and judiciously.
11. Maintain appropriate confidentiality.
12. Openly share personal concerns.
13. Share information and knowledge.
14. Agree that the District administration will provide information to all Board Members even if only one Board Member requests it.
15. Give direction as the whole, not as individuals.
16. Agree that the proper forum to disagree with an administration recommendation or Board approved position is at the Board Meeting not through the newspaper or letters to the editor.
17. Treat each member with dignity and not embarrass, intentionally mislead or misinform each other.
18. Assume responsibility for policy and governance issues and delegate the resolution of operational problems and /or complaints to the administration.
19. Make every reasonable effort to protect the integrity and promote the positive aspects of the Oswego Community Unit School District and one another.