

**School Board**

**Board Member Oath and Conduct**

Each School Board member, before taking his or her seat on the board, shall take the following oath of office:

I \_\_\_\_\_ do solemnly affirm that I will faithfully discharge the duties of the office of member of the Board of Education of the Oswego Community Unit School District Number 308, in accordance with the Constitution of the United States, the Constitution of the State of Illinois, and the laws of the State of Illinois, to the best of my ability.

I further affirm that:

I shall respect taxpayer interests by serving as a faithful protector of the School District's assets;

I shall encourage and respect the free expression of opinion by my fellow Board members and others who seek a hearing before the Board, while respecting the privacy of students and employees;

I shall recognize that a School Board member has no legal authority as an individual and that decisions can be made only by a majority vote at a School Board meeting, and

I shall abide by majority decisions of the School Board, while retaining the right to seek changes in such decisions through ethical and constructive channels.

The Board President will administer the oath in an open Board meeting; in the absence of the President, the Vice President will administer the oath. If neither is available, the Board member with the longest service on the Board will administer the oath.

The Board adopts the Illinois Association of School Boards' "Code of Conduct for Members of School Boards." A copy of the code shall be displayed in the regular Board meeting room.

LEG. REF.: 105 ILCS 5/10-16.5

CROSS REF.: 1:30 (School District Philosophy), 2:20 (Powers and Duties of the School Board), 2:50 (Board Member Term of Office) 2:210 (Organizational School Board Meeting)

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