

## BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

As an elected member of the RSU 2 School Board (Board), I am committed to providing high-quality public education to meet the educational needs of our students. I pledge to honor the following code of ethics.

### Public Duties

1. Abide by the laws and regulations of the United States and the State of Maine.
2. Respect the public's right to be informed about Board decisions and school operations within the legal requirements of confidentiality.
3. Encourage the input of school staff, students, and community members on educational issues through appropriate and established channels and consider such input in my deliberations.

### Personal Conduct

1. Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law.
2. Treat fellow Board members, school staff, students, and community members with respect.
3. Be fair, honest, and impartial in my deliberations.
4. Keep abreast of important developments in education and our schools so that my deliberations will be thoughtful and informed.
5. Use my Board position to ensure the RSU is a healthy organization in order to serve student needs, and not for personal gain.

### Board and District Responsibilities

1. Remember always that my first and greatest concern must be the educational welfare of RSU 2 students.
2. Strive to attend and be prepared for every scheduled meeting of the Board and meetings of committees to which I am assigned. If personal circumstances prevent me from attending regularly, I consider resigning my position.
3. Recognize that the Board's responsibility is to set policy and ensure that our schools are well run, leaving the day-to-day administration of the schools to the administrators.
4. Refer any complaints to the proper authority within the school district, and not at a public meeting before the complaint can be heard and addressed by district staff.
5. Recognize that I have no legal authority as an individual outside of Board meetings and conduct myself accordingly.
6. Vote based on the available facts and my own judgment, and not make promises about how I will vote on matters before the Board.
7. Keep confidentiality as required.
8. Support all Board decisions, regardless of my vote.

Cross Reference:      BB – School Board Legal Status  
                              BBA – School Board Roles and Responsibility  
                              BBAA – Board Member Authority and Responsibilities  
                              BBBDA – Board Declared Vacancy Caused by Absenteeism  
                              BDB – Board Officers  
                              KEB – Public Concerns and Complaints

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