

BOARD MEMBER CODE OF ETHICS

As a member of the RSU 56 Board, I will:

- A. Listen carefully and respectfully to the other Board members.
- B. Respect the opinions of others.
- C. Respect and support the majority decision of the Board.
- D. Recognize that authority is only vested in the full Board when it meets in legal session.
- E. Keep informed of developments relevant to issues that may come before the Board.
- F. Participate actively in Board and Committee meetings.
- G. Bring to the attention of the Board any issues that may adversely affect the school district.
- H. Endeavor to see that all schools have adequate financial support.
- I. Refer complaints to the proper level of our chain of command.
- J. Understand that my job is to see that the school district is well managed, not to manage the organization.
- K. Act as a trustee of the school district and work carefully to ensure that it is well maintained, fiscally secure, growing and operating in the best interests of those we serve.
- L. At all times think of children first and base my decisions on how they will affect children, their education and their training.
- M. Abide by the laws and regulations of the state and federal government and the Board.
- N. Respect all people regardless of race, color, religion and sex.

As a member of the RSU 56 Board, I will not:

- A. Criticize fellow Board members or the Superintendent of Schools.
- B. Use the school district for my personal advantage or that of my friends, business associates or family members.
- C. Discuss the confidential workings of the Board outside the Board room.
- D. Promise how I will vote prior to a meeting.
- E. Interfere with the Superintendent of Schools' duties in day-to-day management, via undermine his/her authority with staff members.

Any Board member who engages in these practices may be subject to censure by the Board.

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