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As representatives of the citizens of the Norwalk-Ontario-Wilton School District, School Board Members are responsible for serving the best interests of the community and its students. The oath of office requires school board members to uphold the laws and the constitution of the United States and State of Wisconsin. In addition, School Board Members should:

- 1) Recognize they may act only when in official Board session.
- 2) Attend all meetings and be prepared at those meetings to act on issues before the Board. They should be prepared to contribute discussion, while keeping an open mind during the deliberations, respect the right of others to have and express opinions, treat school personnel and the citizenry fairly and ethically, make decisions at Board meetings after all the facts have been presented, and try to assure democratic processes for all groups.
- 3) Give the District Administrator authority consistent with his/her responsibilities and assure the District Administrator of that authority through Board Policy. The Board should consider the recommendations of the District Administrator fairly and carefully.
- 4) Avoid all conflicts of interest, both financial and non-financial.
- 5) Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
- 6) Keep in mind the Board's role as the district's employer, making sure the district has well-qualified and able employees who will serve in the best interests of the students.
- 7) Strive to maintain harmonious working relationships with fellow Board Members by accepting the majority decision graciously, stifling personal interests, assisting others to work effectively and using tact in areas of disagreement.
- 8) Be responsive to the public by maintaining open lines of communication with citizens and by informing them on the educational needs of the district as well as the actions of the Board and accomplishments of the district's educational programs.

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- 9) Keeping informed of state and federal laws that implicate education, and by taking advantage of opportunities to stay informed about Board duties and functions.

Cross Reference: Board Policy 224

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