

**Burlington School District Policy
B 10: SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS**

Former Policy BBF

Members of the Burlington School Board will strive to improve public education and to that end will:

1. Attend all regularly scheduled board and assigned committee meetings insofar as possible, and become informed concerning the issues to be considered at those meetings;
2. Recognize that members should endeavor to make policy decisions only after full discussion at publicly held board or committee meetings;
3. Render all decisions based on the available facts and independent judgment, and refuse to surrender that judgment to individuals or special interest groups;
4. Encourage the free expression of opinion by all board members, and seek systematic communications between the board and students, staff, and all elements of the community;
5. Work with other board members to establish effective board policies and to delegate authority for the administration of the schools to the superintendent;
6. Communicate to other board members and the superintendent expressions of public reaction to board policies and school programs in a timely fashion;
7. Become informed about current educational issues by individual study and through participation in programs providing needed information, such as those sponsored by the local Board or by the state and national school boards associations;
8. Support the employment of those persons best qualified to serve as school staff, and insist on a regular and impartial evaluation of all staff;
9. Avoid being placed in a position of conflict of interest, and refrain from using the board position for personal or partisan gain;
10. Take no private action that will compromise the board or administration, and respect the confidentiality of information that is privileged under applicable law;
11. Represent the board responsibly in all board-related matters with proper decorum and respect for others;
12. Observe the regulations and policies of the school system and the laws, rules, and regulations governing public education in Burlington;
13. Respect the decisions of the board.

Cross Reference: Board Responsibilities B 3; Board Member Conflict of Interest B 1R; Board Member Authority B 6

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