A Board member should:

1. Comply with the Code of Ethics for public officials provided in state law;

2. Understand that the Board sets the standards for the district through Board policy. Board members do not manage the district on a day-to-day basis;

3. Understand that the Board makes decisions as a team. Individual Board members may not commit the Board to any action;

4. Respect the right of other Board members to have opinions and ideas which differ;

5. Recognize that decisions are made by a majority vote and should be supported by all Board members;

6. Make decisions only after the facts are presented and discussed;

7. Understand the chain of command and refer problems or complaints to the proper administrative office;

8. Recognize that the Board must comply with the Public Meetings Law and only has authority to make decisions at official Board meetings;

9. Insist that all Board and district business is ethical and honest;

10. Be open, fair and honest - no hidden agendas;

11. Understand that you will receive information that is confidential and cannot be shared;

12. Recognize that the superintendent is the Board's advisor;

13. Take action only after hearing the superintendent's recommendations;

14. Refuse to bring personal or family problems into Board considerations;

15. Give the staff the respect and consideration due skilled, professional employees;

16. Present personal criticism of district operations to the superintendent, when appropriate, not to district staff;
17. Respect the right of the public to attend and observe Board meetings;

18. Respect the right of the public to be informed about district decisions and school operations as allowed by law;

19. Remember that content discussed in executive session is confidential.

END OF POLICY

Legal Reference(s):

ORS 162.015 - 162.035  
ORS 162.405 - 162.425  
ORS 192.630  
ORS 244.040  
ORS 244.120  
ORS 332.055