

BRITTON-HECLA SCHOOL DISTRICT	BBF
Policies	

CODE OF ETHICS

"THE BOARD HAS A MORAL AND ETHICAL RESPONSIBILITY TO DISCHARGE ITS FUNCTIONS COURAGEOUSLY AND IMPARTIALLY IN THE INTEREST OF THE GREATEST GOOD TO THE GREATEST NUMBER AT ALL TIMES."

1. I will view service on a board of education as an opportunity to serve my community, state, and nation because I believe public education is the best means to promote the welfare of our people and to preserve self government.
2. I will work unremittingly to help the people in my community understand the importance of public education and to support willingly the highest level of education we can afford.
3. I will try to make decisions in terms of the best interests of the educational welfare of children. I will seek to provide an educational opportunity equally open to all children regardless of ability, race, creed, sex, or location of residence.
4. I will recognize that my responsibility is not to run the schools but to see that they are well run. I will confine my board action to policy making, planning, and appraisal.
5. I will refuse to represent special interests or partisan politics or to use the schools for personal gain or for the gain of friends or supporters.
6. I will arrive at conclusions only after I have discussed matters fully with members of the professional staff and board members. Once a decision has been reached by the majority of the board assembled at the meeting, I will support it graciously.
7. I will recognize that authority vests with the whole board assembled in meeting and that I have no legal status to bind the board outside of a meeting.
8. I will support and protect school personnel in performance of their duties. I will vote only for competent and trained technical and professional personnel who have been properly recommended by the appropriate administrative officer.
9. I will refer all complaints, including my personal criticisms, to the appropriate administrative officer and only after failure of administrative solution will discuss such matters at a regular board meeting.
10. I will observe and enforce state laws and regulations pertaining to public education.
11. I will respect the limited intent and scope of executive session and respect privileged communications from executive sessions and other administrative sources.

Legal References: SDCL 13-20-2.1; 13-43-1; 13-7-3; 3-16; 6-1-1; 6-1-17; 6-1-2

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