

**SCHOOL BOARD MEMBER ETHICS**

The Board of Education, desiring to operate under the highest ethical standards, adopts the following code of ethics for its members. Members of the Plainfield Board of Education will:

- 1) Be an advocate of high quality free public education for all Connecticut children
- 2) Honor the regulations and policies of the school system and the laws, rules, and regulations governing education in the State of Connecticut.
- 3) Help create public schools to meet the individual needs of all children regardless of their ability, race, creed, sex, physical condition or social standing.
- 4) Represent the Board responsibly in all Board related matters with proper decorum and respect for others.
- 5) Confine Board action to policy making, planning, and evaluation and recognize that the Superintendent, not the Board of Education, is responsible for the day-to-day administration of the school.
- 6) Recognize that the Board functions only as a Board through duly adopted policies and actions approved at public sessions; that individual Board members have no authority to act on behalf of the district or the Board.
- 7) Assure the opportunity for high quality education for every student.
- 8) Represent the entire community without fear or favor.
- 9) Refer all complaints, comments, and criticism directly to the Superintendent.
- 10) Carry out the duties of any elected or appointed office he/she may occupy within the Board in a fair and impartial manner and without bias.
- 11) Maintain confidentiality of privileged information.
- 12) Respect the decisions of the Board.
- 13) Present controversial issues fairly and without bias.

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